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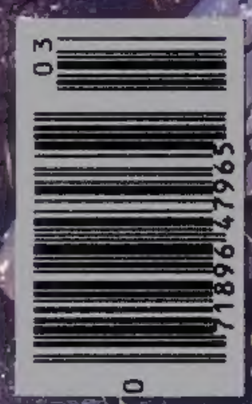

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ONCE THERE WERE FOUR SISTERS WHO INHERITED AN EERIE OLD HOUSE DEEP IN THE SWAMP COUNTRY, AND BEFORE THE FIRST NIGHT WAS OVER, SOME FOUND LOVE, SOME FOUND DEATH, AND ONE FOUND THE EVIL SECRETS OF THE OCCULT AND BECAME A...

DEAD WITCH

A...

WHEN THE SISTERS ARRIVED TO TAKE OVER THE OLD HOUSE, THEY FOUND HANDSOME YOUNG LAWYER, JOHN BELL THERE TO HELP THEM, AND AS MARY LOOKED AT JOHN, SHE THOUGHT...
WHAT A KIND, CONSIDERATE PERSON! I-- I HOPE I HAVE A CHANCE TO GET BETTER ACQUAINTED WITH HIM!
...AND SO I THOUGHT I'D STAY THE FIRST NIGHT HERE WITH YOU YOUNG LADIES AND HELP YOU GET SETTLED!

RUBY AND PEARL HAD THOUGHTS, TOO...
HOW HANDSOME! WE'RE BOTH SO BEAUTIFUL! WHAT A STARTLING COUPLE WE'D MAKE!
WHAT SHOULDERS! FOR A MAN, HIS FIGURE IS NEARLY AS MINE IS FOR A WOMAN! WHAT A WONDERFUL COUPLE WE'D MAKE!

BUT ELVIRA'S THOUGHTS WERE THE MOST STARTLING...
THIS IS THE MAN FOR ME! I'VE NEVER HAD A MAN INTERESTED IN ME...MY SISTERS ALWAYS STOLE THEM FROM ME! BUT THIS ONE IS MINE... IF I HAVE TO KILL FOR HIM!

BUT AS THE EVENING WORE ON...
LOOK AT THEM FAWNING OVER HIM AND I'M TOO SHY TO SAY HOW MUCH I LOVE HIM! I CAN'T WATCH THIS ANOTHER SECOND!

SO ELVIRA TURNED AND RACED DOWN A DARK PASSAGE, AND LATER...
I CAN'T LET THEM TAKE HIM! I'D DO ANYTHING TO STOP THEM, BUT WHAT CAN...

OOH-H!

A HIDDEN ROOM! IT MUST HAVE BEEN THE DEN OF SOME LONG-DEAD WITCH... AND YET I FEEL STRANGELY AT HOME HERE! AND THE GREAT BOOK ON THE TABLE... IT MUST CONTAIN...

And MOMENTS LATER...
I KNEW IT! THE DARKEST OF SECRETS ARE HERE...THE POWERS OF DARKNESS ARE MINE! I CAN DESTROY THEM, BUT I'LL GIVE THEM EACH ONE MORE CHANCE! THEN IF THEY DON'T LEAVE JOHN TO ME...

SO ELVIRA CHOSE TO APPROACH PEARL FIRST...
STAY AWAY FROM JOHN BECAUSE YOU WANT HIM? HA! HA! HE WOULDN'T LOOK AT YOUR UGLY FACE AFTER SEEING MINE! I'M GOING TO MARRY HIM! NOW GET OUT OF MY WAY! I'M GOING TO DRESS FOR DINNER!
I'M WARNING YOU, PEARL..

ALRIGHT, THEN! I MUST DESTROY HER! AND I'LL DO IT IN A WAY TO MATCH HER OWN WORST FAULT... HER VANITY ABOUT HER FACE!

MINUTES LATER, BACK IN THE HIDDEN ROOM...
FIRE, FIRE, TWIST AND TURN, SINGE AND SEAR AND BAKE AND BURN! STEAL HER BEAUTY, CHANGE HER FACE, LEAVE A CINDER IN ITS PLACE!

ABOVE, PEARL SAT ADMIRING HERSELF AS ELVIRA KNEW SHE WOULD BE, AND...
I AM LOVELY AND I'LL MAKE JOHN FALL FOR ME! WHAT'S THAT? SHINING...FLAMING IN THE MIRROR...

NO! NO! MY FACE! IT'S BURNING...IT'S... IT'S OLD, OLD! AND IT'S NOT A DREAM... I CAN FEEL IT CHANGING!

I WON'T LIVE LIKE THIS! I'D RATHER DIE...AND I WILL!

EEEEEEE!

HEARING THE BLOOD-CURDLING SCREAM, JOHN AND THE OTHERS RUSHED IN, BUT...
STAY OUT OF HERE! YOU CAN'T HELP HER NOW... SHE'S DEAD!
AND HOW HORRIBLY DEAD! YET I SEE... HER FACE... SOMETHING IS TERRIBLY WRONG IN THIS HOUSE!

THIS IS A CASE FOR THE POLICE BUT THERE'S NO PHONE AND I WON'T LEAVE THE REST OF YOU ALONE! WE'LL JUST HAVE TO WAIT UNTIL MORNING!
OH, JOHN! YOU SAY SHE KILLED HERSELF! POOR DEAR LITTLE PEARL!

A HALF HOUR LATER, ELVIRA CHOOSES HER SECOND VICTIM...
RUBY, DON'T YOU SEE? PEARL DIED BECAUSE OF JOHN! THE POWERS OF DARKNESS HAVE CHOSEN HIM, AND IT'S DEATH TO ANY WOMAN WHO...
NONSENSE! NEITHER PEARL'S DEATH, NOR YOUR GHOST STORIES WILL SCARE ME AWAY FROM JOHN! DON'T THINK I HAVEN'T SEEN YOU STARING AT HIM!

BUT HE'S BEEN DOING A LITTLE STARING OF HIS OWN... AT ME... I'M GOING TO CHANGE INTO THIS DRESS! WATCH HIS EYES POP!
HE'LL NEVER SEE YOU AGAIN... ALIVE! AND AS FOR THAT BODY YOU'RE SO PROUD OF...

POWERS OF EVIL, DO MY WILL... SEND THY CREATURES TO THE KILL! YOU WHO FLY, AND CREEP AND CRAWL... COME YE ONE, AND COME YE ALL!

WAIT TILL JOHN SEES ME IN... GOOD HEAVENS!
BZZZ

GET AWAY FROM ME! HELP! PLEASE... HELP!

EEEEE

And FIFTEEN MINUTES LATER...
IT'S TOO AWFUL, JOHN... DID YOU SEE HER? SHE WAS EATEN ALIVE!
EASY, MARY! LISTEN...THERE'S SOMETHING HAPPENING HERE I CAN'T COPE WITH! I'M GOING OUT TO THE HIGHWAY AND SEE IF I CAN FLAG SOMEONE TO SEND FOR HELP! I'LL ONLY BE A FEW MINUTES!
A FEW MINUTES WILL BE ENOUGH!

NO USE TALKING TO HER... SHE LOVES HIM AND HE LOVES HER... BUT SHE WON'T HAVE HIM! THE BRAINY ONE...THE SENSIBLE ONE, IS SHE? WELL, WE'LL SEE JUST HOW BRAINY SHE CAN BE!
HURRY, JOHN!

And A FEW MOMENTS LATER AS MARY SAT HUDDLED ALONE IN THE LIVING ROOM...
STRANGE! I SEEM TO BE DEVELOPING A TERRIBLE HEADACHE AND I NEVER HAVE THEM! IT'S WORSE! OH, HOW IT POUNDS!

OHHH! MY HEAD IS BURSTING! I CAN'T STAND IT! IT'S AS IF MY BRAIN WERE GROWING BIGGER AND BIGGER!
MARY! I THOUGHT OF SOMETHING AND CAME RIGHT BACK... MARY... WHAT IS IT?

MY HEAD! IT'S SPLITTING!
MARY, LISTEN! SUDDENLY I REALIZED THAT EVERY TIME ONE OF THOSE HORRIBLE THINGS HAPPENED, ELVIRA WAS MISSING! PERHAPS SHE... MARY! YOU MUST THINK! WHERE IS SHE NOW?

I THINK...SHE WENT DOWN THE PASSAGE...

COME ON! WE HAVE TO FIND HER BEFORE YOU...

JOHN AND MARY RACED INTO THE DARK PASSAGEWAY! SUDDENLY JOHN STOPPED...
WAIT! I HEAR HER VOICE! SHE'S IN BACK OF THIS... IT MUST BE A SECRET PANEL!

NO TIME TO FIND OUT HOW IT WORKS... I'LL HAVE TO BREAK IT IN!
OOHHH... PLEASE HURRY!

And WITH A CRASH...!
ELVIRA! STOP WHAT YOU ARE DOING TO MARY, OR I'LL...
SO, YOU FOUND ME! BUT IT ONLY MEANS SHE WILL DIE SOONER! KILL HER, ALL POWERFUL FLAME!

THE FLAME! IT'S COMING RIGHT AT ME!
NO, LOOK! IT'S TURNING BACK TOWARD ELVIRA!
KILL THE EVIL ONE... THE MOST EVIL WOMAN THOU HAST EVER SEEN! KILL... NO! WAIT!

NOT ME! NO...NOT AAGGHH!
OHHH! HOW HORRIBLE!

SHE SAID, "KILL THE EVIL ONE"... AND IT DID!
AND THE MOMENT SHE DIED, MY PAIN WAS GONE! I... I DON'T UNDERSTAND, JOHN!

WE'LL NEVER UNDERSTAND, MARY! LET'S JUST LEAVE THIS PLACE, BOTH OF US... AND NEVER COME BACK!
YES, JOHN, WE'LL LEAVE TOGETHER... AND WE'LL BE TOGETHER, FROM NOW ON!
the END

NEVER CURSE A CORPSE

MARTIN JACOBY WAS TO LEARN THE HARD WAY, THAT IT IS NEITHER WISE... NOR SAFE TO CURSE A CORPSE!

MARTIN JACOBY, OFFICE MANAGER OF GORMLY INC., RECEIVES A SHOCKING SURPRISE AS HE REPORTS TO WORK ONE MORNING.

JOSIAH GORMLY PRES. PRIVATE

WHY IS EVERY-ONE STANDING AROUND WITH SUCH LONG FACES?

HAVEN'T YOU HEARD? THE BOSS DIED!

MR. GORMLY DEAD?! HOW TERRIBLE...!
IT'S A SAD BLOW TO ALL OF US!

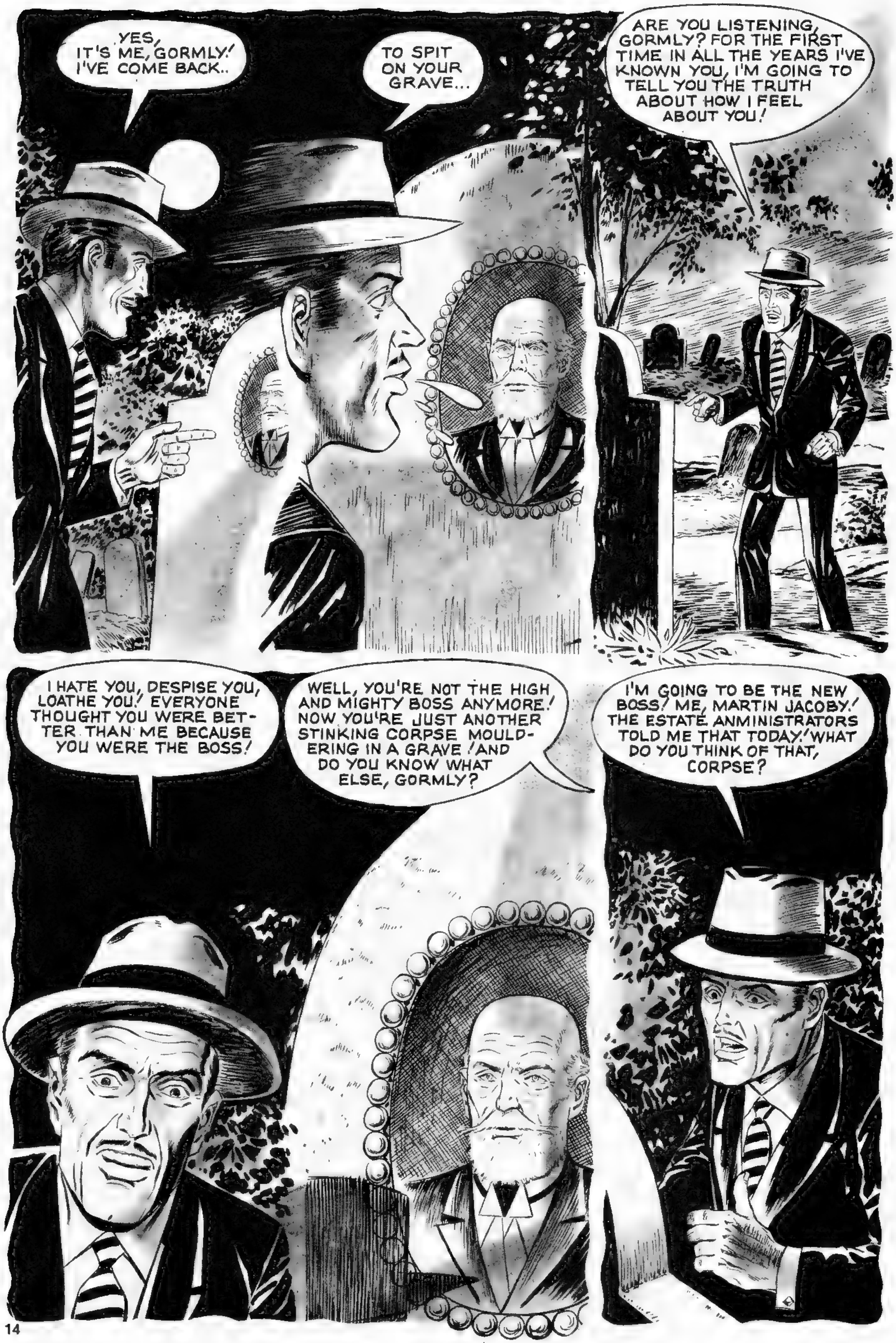
MR. GORMLY GAVE ME A JOB DURING THE DEPRESSION... WHEN NO ONE ELSE WOULD GIVE ME A BREAK... HE WAS A... WONDERFUL MAN...
BUT LATER, ALONE IN HIS BOARDING HOUSE ROOM, MARTIN JACOBY SHRIEKS WITH DIABOLIC GLEE...
HA! HA! HA! HO! HO! -HEE! HEE! HEE!

SO THE OLD DUFFFER IS DEAD AT LAST! GOOD! I'VE PRAYED FOR THIS WONDERFUL NEWS FOR YEARS!
I HOPE HE ROTS! SURE HE GAVE ME MY START! BUT I'VE GOT BIG PLANS! AND PART OF THOSE PLANS ARE TO FILL GORMLY'S SHOES!

CAREFUL JACOBY! FOLLOWING IN A DEAD MAN'S FOOTSTEPS CAN LEAD...TO THE GRAVE!
JACOBY WAS THE SADDEST-FACED MOURNER AT HIS FORMER EMPLOYERS LAST SERVICES...
POOR MARTIN! HE WAS VERY FOND OF MR. GORMLY!
HA! HA! WHO'S BETTER OFF NOW? A DEAD GORMLY... OR A LIVE JACOBY?

AND HIS EYES WERE THE MOISTEST AT THE BURIAL...
MAY THE POOR SOUL FIND ETERNAL REST.
MAY THE FAT CORPSE TWIST ON THE DEVIL'S FORK!

I'M NOT THROUGH WITH YOU, YET, GORMLY! I'LL BE BACK!
SHORTLY AFTER MIDNIGHT, A FURTIVE FIGURE SKULKS INTO THE CEMETERY...

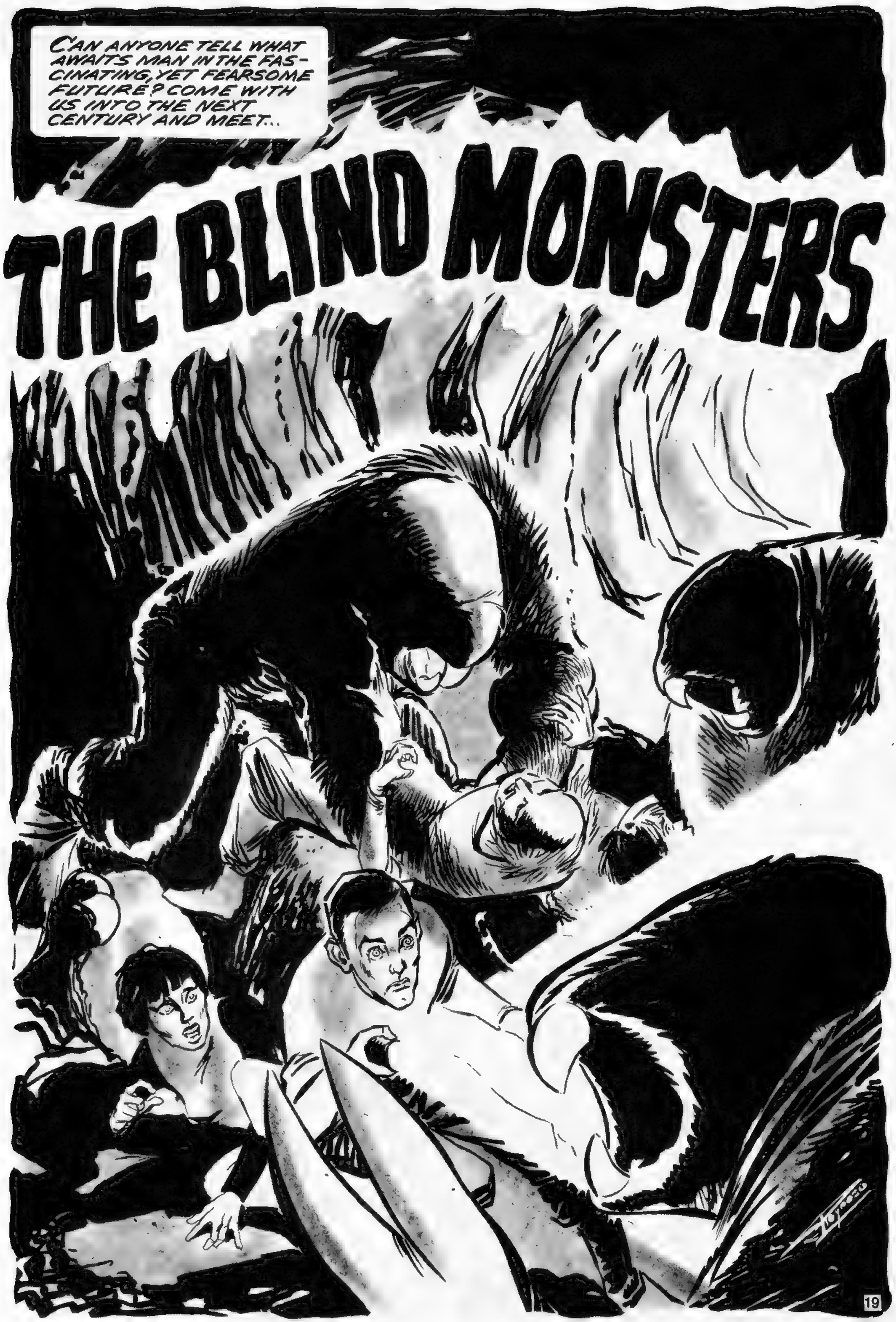

YES, IT'S ME, GORMLY! I'VE COME BACK..
TO SPIT ON YOUR GRAVE...
ARE YOU LISTENING, GORMLY? FOR THE FIRST TIME IN ALL THE YEARS I'VE KNOWN YOU, I'M GOING TO TELL YOU THE TRUTH ABOUT HOW I FEEL ABOUT YOU!
I HATE YOU, DESPISE YOU, LOATHE YOU! EVERYONE THOUGHT YOU WERE BETTER THAN ME BECAUSE YOU WERE THE BOSS!
WELL, YOU'RE NOT THE HIGH AND MIGHTY BOSS ANYMORE! NOW YOU'RE JUST ANOTHER STINKING CORPSE MOULDERING IN A GRAVE! AND DO YOU KNOW WHAT ELSE, GORMLY?
I'M GOING TO BE THE NEW BOSS! ME, MARTIN JACOBY! THE ESTATE ANMINISTRATORS TOLD ME THAT TODAY! WHAT DO YOU THINK OF THAT, CORPSE?

HA! HA! HA! I'M STEPPING INTO YOUR SHOES, GORMLY! YOU WHO DRAGGED ME OUT OF THE GUTTER! I'M TAKING OVER! HA! HA! HA! I'M STOMPING ON YOUR GRAVE!
AT THAT MOMENT THE FRESH EARTH GIVES WAY BENEATH JACOBY...
?? HELP! I-I'M FALLING!!!
DOWN DROPS JACOBY LOWER AND LOWER INTO THE SOFT EARTH...
I'LL BE BURIED ALIVE! OH, NO... N-NO! NO!
TERROR RIPS AT MARTIN JACOBY'S VITALS AS HE REALIZES HIS GRUESOME PREDICAMENT...
HELP! HELP! GET ME OUT OF HERE!
TRAPPED! HELPLESSLY TRAPPED!

BUT THERE IS NO ANSWER TO MARTIN'S SHRIEKS... FOR THE CEMETERY IS FAR FROM TOWN AND THE CEMETARY'S CARETAKER IS DEEP IN A DRUNKEN SLUMBER...
YOU DID THIS TO ME, GORMLY! YOU THINK YOU'RE GOING TO MAKE A CORPSE OF ME LIKE YOU ARE, DON'T YOU?
BUT YOU'RE WRONG! I'LL LIVE! MARTIN JACOBY WILL NOT DIE!
THEN IT DEVELOPS INTO A DOWNPOUR...
(GASP!) IT'S DRENCHING ME... R-RUNNING (GASP) INTO MY EYES... MY EARS... MY MOUTH...
AND THEN IT BEGINS... AT FIRST JUST A FEW SCATTERED DROPS...
HUH? RAIN!

WHAT ARE YOU STARING AT! CURSE YOU, GORMLY! MAY YOU BURN IN HADES!
THERE IS A SUDDEN LIGHTNING FLASH... A PEAL OF CRASHING THUNDER! LOOSENED BY THE CASCADING RAIN, THE MASSIVE GRAVESTONE BEGINS SLIPPING TOWARD THE IMPRISONED HEAD...
THE GRAVESTONE... IT MOVED F-FORWARD!
EVIL LITTLE EYES STARING AT ME OUT OF THE BLACKNESS!
AFTER WHAT SEEMS AN ENDLESS ETERNITY...
IT'S STOPPED! THE RAIN HAS STOPPED! I'LL CALL FOR HELP AGAIN!
GET OFF! CRAWL OFF, YOU UGLY OBSCENITY!

HELP! HELP ME! IN HEAVENS NAME, HELP!
AS THOUGH DISTURBED BY JACOBY'S VOICE, THE GREAT GRAVESTONE SLOPES FORWARD AT AN EVEN MORE ALARMING ANGLE...
W-WON'T SOMEONE PLEASE END THIS HORROR FOR ME? (SOB) I CAN'T STAND THIS! I'LL GO MAD!
YOU WIN, GORMLY! I ADMIT IT WAS ROTTEN OF ME TO CURSE A CORPSE! PLEASE FORGIVE ME! DON'T MAKE ME DIE!
IT WAS AT THAT OLD KIMMEL THE CARE-TAKER, AWAKENED BY JACOBY'S SCREAMS DASHED FORWARD TO THE IMPRISONED MAN'S AID...
HAVE COURAGE, SIR! I'LL GET YOU OUT!
HA! HA! DO YOU HEAR THAT, GORMLY? I'VE CHEATED YOU! I'M GOING TO LIVE!
TOO LATE...
EEEEEEYAAA-HHHH
CR-RRUNCHH
COINCIDENCE? OR A CADAVER'S VENGEANCE? DECIDE FOR YOURSELF. BUT IF YOU'RE WISE... NEVER CURSE A CORPSE!
The End


CAN ANYONE TELL WHAT AWAITS MAN IN THE FASCINATING, YET FEARSOME FUTURE? COME WITH US INTO THE NEXT CENTURY AND MEET...
THE BLIND MONSTERS
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IN A FUTURAMIC CITY, A GREAT EVENT IS ABOUT TO TAKE PLACE!
AND SO WE TAKE OFF FOR THE UNKNOWN PLANET ON WHICH WE HAVE REASON TO BELIEVE LIFE EXISTS! WISH US LUCK!
WE'LL SOON SEE IF OUR CALCULATIONS ARE CORRECT, MYRNA.
HERE'S HOPING, CLAUDE!
THERE! THEY ARE! LOOK OUT THERE!
YOU'RE RIGHT, PROFESSOR! STAND BY FOR A LANDING! ALERT THE OTHERS!
THE AIR IS BREATHABLE, BUT THERE'S NOT A SIGN OF LIFE ANYWHERE!
STRANGE! IT'S HARD TO BELIEVE WE COULD HAVE BEEN SO WRONG ABOUT IT!
JOCK! TAKE THREE MEN AND MAKE PRELIMINARY EXPLORATIONS! REPORT BACK BEFORE DARK!
RIGHT, CLAUDE! WE'LL START NOW!

THE QUARTETTE SEARCHES FRUITLESSLY ON THE SURFACE OF THE BARREN PLANET! THEN SUDDENLY...
JOCK, ARE YOU SURE?
POSITIVE! I SAW SOMETHING DART INTO THIS HOLE! C'MON!
FANTASTIC! ENDLESS CATACOMBS AND TUNNELS!
PERHAPS FROM AN ANCIENT UNDERGROUND CIVILIZATION!
BUT AS THE GROUP INSPECTS THE CAVERN, THEIR PRESENCE IS DETECTED AND RESENTED BY A GROTESQUE BAND OF ITS HIDEOUS RESIDENTS WHO ATTACK WITH SAVAGE FEROCITY!
GRRpH!
WE'RE TRAPPED!

AIEEE! NO!
GRMMP!
AGRAAA!
THE GRUESOME ENCOUNTER IS SHORT-LIVED AND THE INTRUDERS VANQUISHED HORRIBLY.
GRRMMF!
WHILE BACK AT THE ROCKET-SHIP...
I'M WORRIED! THEY SHOULD HAVE RETURNED BY NOW!
IT'S TIME TO FIND OUT FOR OURSELVES!
LOOKS LIKE THE ENTRANCE TO AN UNDERGROUND TUNNEL! I WONDER IF JOCK...
WE'LL SOON KNOW!

UPON ENTERING THE CAVERN, THE PARTY LEARNS THE TRUTH!
DEAD! SLAUGHTERED! BUT HOW! BY WHAT?
THE GHASTLY ANSWER IS SOON FORTHCOMING!
LOOK!
THEY'RE MONSTERS!
GRRMPH!
RUN! IT'S OUR ONLY CHANCE!
AIEEE! A BLANK WALL!
THEY'RE GAINING ON US!
TRAPPED! THIS LOOKS LIKE GOODBYE!
GRRMPH!
NO! AIEEEK!
GRRMPH!
AGRAAA!

THE SAVAGE CREATURES ATTACK WITH UNBRIDLED FURY! BUT AS THEY DO, A SECOND BAND OF EYE-LESS ONES INTERCEPTS THEM!
GRMPH!
LOOK! MORE OF THEM! THEY SEEM TO BE ON OUR SIDE!
A BRIEF BUT HORRIBLE BATTLE FOLLOWS... AND SOON THE FIRST BAND OF MONSTERS IS CUT TO RIBBONS...
THE LEADER OF THE SECOND BAND ATTEMPTS TO COMMUNICATE WITH THE HUMANS!
I THINK HE WANTS US TO FOLLOW HIM!
WE'D BETTER! BESIDES THEY DON'T SEEM HOSTILE TO US!
I WONDER WHERE THEY'RE TAKING US?
WITHOUT EYES, HOW DO THEY KNOW WHERE THEY'RE GOING?
WELL! LOOKS TO ME LIKE A COURTROOM OR SOMETHING!
IT'S EVIDENT THAT THEY HAVE THEIR OWN PRIMITIVE CIVILIZATION!
WHAT'S HE TRYING TO SAY!
THEY MAKE SOUNDS LIKE CREATURES WHO WERE ONCE CAPABLE OF SPEECH!
GRMMPH!

I THINK I CAN READ HIS SIGNS! HE'S TELLING US THAT THIS IS THE GOVERNMENT OF THE EYELESS PEOPLE! AND THAT THOSE WHO ATTACKED US WERE OUTLAWS. NOW HE WANTS US TO LEAVE THE PLANET!
THE MONSTERS PROVIDE THEIR UNWELCOME GUESTS WITH SAFE CONDUCT BACK TO THEIR SHIP.
FRANKLY, I'LL BE GLAD TO LEAVE THIS PLANET MYSELF!
THOSE HIDEOUS MONSTERS! MURDERERS!
GLADLY!
STILL, CLAUDE, I'VE SEEN ENOUGH TO CONVINCE ME THAT AT ONE TIME A MORE COMPLEX CIVILIZATION DID EXIST ON THIS PLANET!
YOU WERE RIGHT, PROFESSOR. I GUESS THIS PROVES THERE WAS A CIVILIZATION OF SOME SORT HERE AT ONE TIME!
LOOK! THE REMAINS OF A STRANGE STATUE OR MONUMENT!
VAST CENTURIES OLD, I'M CERTAIN! WAIT UNTIL WE TELL THEM OF THIS BACK HOME ON MARS!
SO THE EYELESS ONES ARE THE ONLY REMAINS OF OUR CIVILIZATION AS WE KNOW IT TODAY! IS THAT THE DESTINY IN STORE FOR THE EARTH? FORTUNATELY OUR GENERATION WILL NEVER KNOW!
END

THE FANTASTIC DREAM OF A POWER-MAD MIND COMES TRUE... AND BUILDINGS CRUMBLE, AUTHORITIES ARE POWERLESS, MILLIONS OF PEOPLE FLEE IN PANIC FROM AN UNBELIEVABLE CREATURE! ALL MANHATTAN ISLAND BECOMES THE CAPTIVE IN THE COILS OF...
COILS OF TERROR!
JOHN REID, LEADER OF A COMMITTEE FROM THE SCIENTIFIC RESEARCH LEAGUE, FACES SCIENTIST PAUL VALE AT VALE'S LABORATORY ON A TINY ISLAND OFF FLORIDA...
THE ANSWER IS DEFINITELY NO, PAUL. WE ADMIT YOUR SERUM WORKS... BUT IT'S ALL AGAINST THE LAWS OF NATURE! WE REFUSE TO PERMIT IT!
YOU DON'T UNDERSTAND, JOHN. I MIX MY SERUM WITH BLOOD BEFORE INJECTING IT! NOT ONLY DOES THE INJECTED ANIMAL GROW AS LONG AS I WISH IT TO...
BUT THE INJECTED ANIMAL TAKES ON THE CHARACTERISTICS OF THE ANIMAL FROM WHICH THE BLOOD CAME. THINK OF IT! WE COULD INJECT OUR ARMIES WITH THE BLOOD OF BULLS, FOR INSTANCE...
LOOK AT HIM, REID. I THINK HE'S GONE MAD WITH THIS THING!

...AND GET AN ARMY OF SUPER-STRONG GIANT SOLDIERS! WE COULD RULE THE WORLD!
NO PAUL... IT CAN'T BE, WE'VE DECIDED TO FORCE YOU TO STOP YOUR EXPERIMENT. AND WE'RE GOING TO DESTROY THIS HORRIBLE SIX-FOOT RAT YOU'VE CREATED!
NO! YOU MUSTN'T!
AND YOUR GIANT RABBIT TOO!
THINK I'M CRAZY, DO YOU? WELL, I'LL SHOW YOU! YOU'LL NEVER CATCH ME IN THAT JUNGLE. I'M GOING TO STAY HERE AND FINISH MY EXPERIMENT! AND THEN I'LL COME TO NEW YORK AND PROVE IT!
DON'T RUN, PAUL, WE'RE YOUR FRIENDS!
IT... IT ESCAPED! BUT I'LL GO FIND IT! YOU JUST WAIT HERE AND...
WAIT, PAUL, WE'RE TAKING YOU BACK TO NEW YORK. YOU NEED A DOCTOR!
FIVE YEARS OF MY LIFE GONE! YOU'LL PAY FOR THAT, JOHN REID! IF IT'S THE LAST THING I DO, I'LL GET EVEN...
ONE MORE THING... WHERE IS THE SNAKE YOU USED FOR YOUR FIRST EXPERIMENT?

AND I'LL FIND YOU, JOHN REID! I'LL GET EVEN WITH YOU!
GOOD LORD IN HEAVEN... LOOK!
NO! IT'S IMPOSSIBLE!
PAUL! PAUL! LOOKOUT BEHIND YOU!
THE SCIENTISTS REACH THEIR PLANE SAFELY, AND TAKE OFF.
WE'LL HAVE TO SPREAD THE ALARM, JOHN... PERHAPS SEND A COAST GUARD SHIP TO DESTROY THE THING!
THAT THING MUST BE TWO HUNDRED FEET LONG!
RUN, PAUL, RUN!
WE WILL. BUT GENTLEMEN DO YOU REALIZE THE MOST TERRIFYING PART OF THE WHOLE TRAGEDY?
IT'S HORRIBLE! I CAN'T LOOK!
WE CAN'T HELP HIM NOW, SO WE'D BETTER SAVE OURSELVES! RUN FOR THE PLANE!
THAT MONSTER, WHEN IT SWALLOWED VALE SWALLOWED HIS WHOLE SUPPLY OF SERUM! ENOUGH TO KEEP IT GROWING LARGER FOR WEEKS!

BUT WHEN THEY REACH THE NEAREST COAST GUARD HEADQUARTERS...
YOU'RE TOO LATE GENTLEMEN! WE'VE HAD REPORTS FOR HOURS. IT'S HEADING NORTH, ATTACKING EVERYTHING IT SEES.
NORTH? WE'RE LEAVING FOR NEW YORK RIGHT AWAY!
SEVERAL DAYS LATER, IN JOHN REID'S LABORATORY IN NEW YORK...
IF THAT'S TRUE, THEN PAUL VALE IS PART OF THAT SNAKE! AND IF VALE'S BRAIN IS GUIDING THAT MONSTER... THEN I'M SURE IT'S HEADING FOR NEW YORK!
BUT JOHN, YOU'RE WORKING YOURSELF TO DEATH! THERE HASN'T BEEN A SINGLE REPORT ABOUT A SNAKE IN THREE DAYS NOW AND...
I STILL INSIST IT'S COMING HERE! VALE'S LAST THOUGHTS WERE OF COMING TO NEW YORK!
AND IT SANK THE DESTROYER, SIR!
WHY NEW YORK, JOHN?
REMEMBER WHAT VALE SAID ABOUT THE ANIMAL TAKING ON THE CHARACTERISTICS OF THE CREATURE WHOSE BLOOD IS MIXED WITH THE SERUM?
NOW I'VE GOT TO GET BACK TO WORK. I MUST HAVE AN ANTIDOTE READY... SOMETHING TO MAKE A LIVING CREATURE SHRINK. THE OPPOSITE OF VALE'S SERUM!
SIR, A DESTROYER CAUGHT UP WITH THE ANIMAL AND TRIED TO KILL IT...
BUT... OH WELL, IF YOU MUST, JOHN, THEN WE'LL PITCH IN AND HELP!

AND SUDDENLY A MONSTROUS, NIGHTMARISH HEAD RISES FROM THE DEPTHS!
AN HOUR BEFORE DAWN OF THE NEXT DAY, ONLY THE MOAN OF A DISTANT FOGHORN DISTURBS THE NIGHT. THE WATERS ARE BLACK, STILL AND SILENT. BUT LOOK AGAIN... NOW THE WATERS ARE HEAVING...
SLOWLY THE BIG SNAKE DRAGS ITS FANTASTIC BODY INTO THE STREETS OF MANHATTAN WHERE MILLIONS OF UNSUSPECTING PEOPLE LIE SLEEPING!
A LONELY POLICEMAN WALKS HIS BEAT NEAR THE WATERFRONT. SUDDENLY HE RAISES HIS EYES, AND..
WHA...??? GLORY BE, IT CAN'T BE, BUT IT IS!
IT'S THE SEA SERPENT! I'VE BEEN ON THE WAGON FOR A YEAR, SO IT MUST BE!
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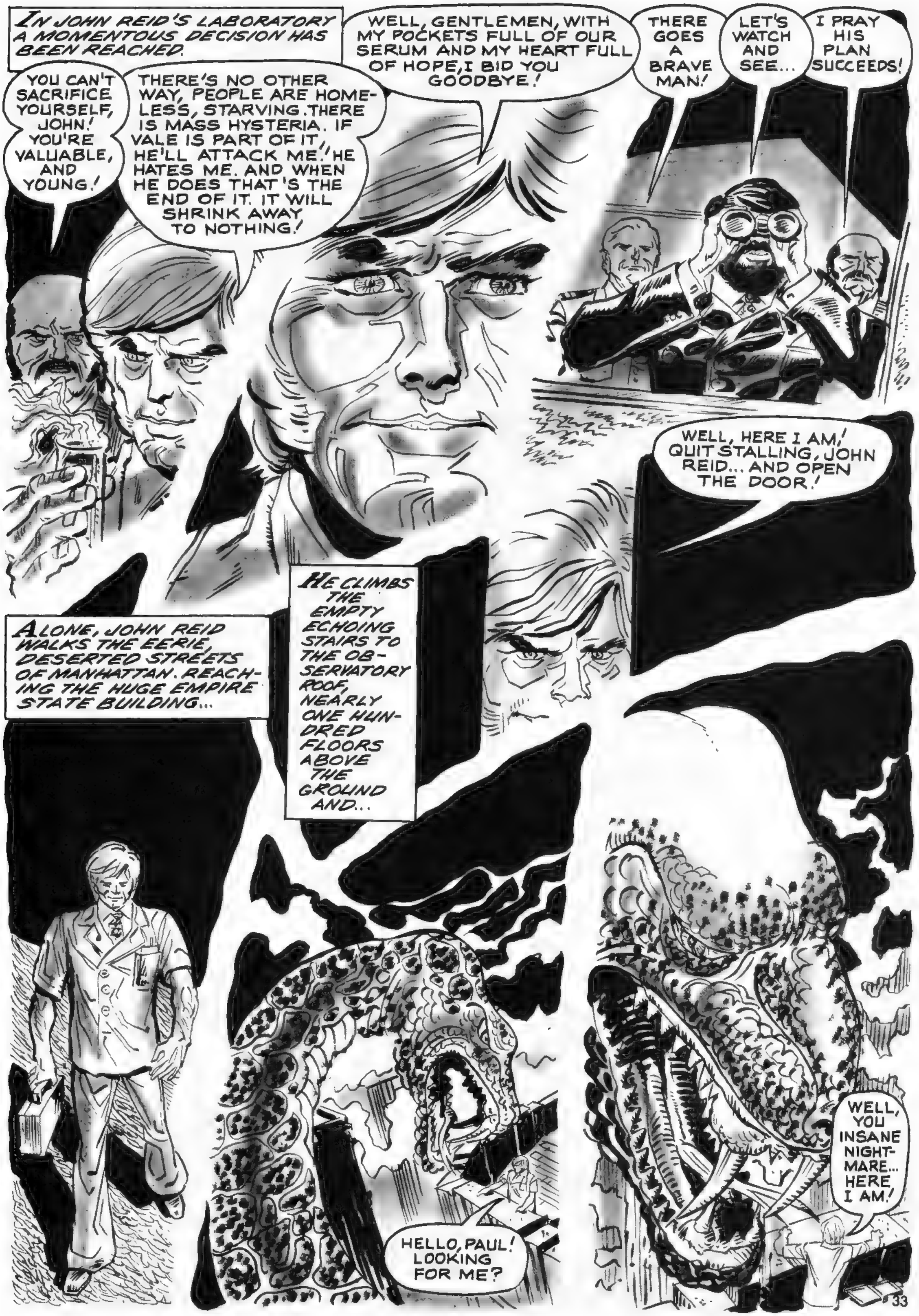
IN NO TIME THE GREAT PANIC IS ON!
BUT THE GIGANTIC MONSTER IGNORES THEIR PUNY EFFORTS!
WE CAN'T HURT IT A BIT! RUN FOR IT, BOYS!
POLICE ATTACK THE INVADER WITH EVERY WEAPON AT THEIR COMMAND...
IT'S NO USE! MIGHT AS WELL SHOOT AT A MOUNTAIN!
SHOOT FOR IT'S EYES! BLOW IT'S BRAINS OUT!
THE NATIONAL GUARD IS CALLED. BUT THEIR HEAVY MACHINE GUNS ONLY SUCCEED IN ENRAGING THE SNAKE...

AND DOZENS OF MEN DIE IN THE HOPELESS BATTLE!
THE RELENTLESS GIANT CRAWLS TOWARD MIDTOWN, CRUSHING ALL BEFORE IT. BY EVENING, MILLIONS OF PEOPLE JAM THE BRIDGES AND TUNNELS. MANHATTAN ISLAND IS EVACUATED!
IN WASHINGTON, THE MILITARY HIGH COMMAND IS IN A DEADLOCK!
IF MACHINE GUNS WON'T DO IT, THEN WE'LL BOMB THE BLASTED THING!
NO! WE'D RUIN HALF OF NEW YORK. AND THERE ARE PEOPLE IN THOSE BUILDINGS-- OLD PEOPLE WHO COULDN'T GET OUT! THERE MUST BE ANOTHER WAY!
WE'VE GOT IT! THIS FORMULA WILL REVERSE VALES SERUM AND SHRINK THE SNAKE!
DAWN OF THE NEXT DAY REVEALS THE BIG SNAKE COILED AROUND THE EMPIRE STATE BUILDING, ITS MASSIVE UGLY HEAD WEAVING THROUGH THE SKY... VICTORIOUS OVER THE WHOLE CITY!
BUT HOW? HOW? THE POLICE SAY THE SNAKE HASN'T EATEN SINCE IT ARRIVED!


IN JOHN REID'S LABORATORY A MOMENTOUS DECISION HAS BEEN REACHED.
YOU CAN'T SACRIFICE YOURSELF, JOHN! YOU'RE VALUABLE, AND YOUNG!
THERE'S NO OTHER WAY, PEOPLE ARE HOMELESS, STARVING. THERE IS MASS HYSTERIA. IF VALE IS PART OF IT, HE'LL ATTACK ME. HE HATES ME. AND WHEN HE DOES THAT 'S THE END OF IT. IT WILL SHRINK AWAY TO NOTHING!
WELL, GENTLEMEN, WITH MY POCKETS FULL OF OUR SERUM AND MY HEART FULL OF HOPE, I BID YOU GOODBYE!
THERE GOES A BRAVE MAN!
LET'S WATCH AND SEE...
I PRAY HIS PLAN SUCCEEDS!
WELL, HERE I AM! QUIT STALLING, JOHN REID... AND OPEN THE DOOR!
ALONE, JOHN REID WALKS THE EERIE, DESERTED STREETS OF MANHATTAN. REACHING THE HUGE EMPIRE STATE BUILDING...
HE CLIMBS THE EMPTY ECHOING STAIRS TO THE OBSERVATORY ROOF, NEARLY ONE HUNDRED FLOORS ABOVE THE GROUND AND...
HELLO, PAUL! LOOKING FOR ME?
WELL, YOU INSANE NIGHTMARE... HERE I AM!

AT THE MOMENT... BACK AT THE LABORATORY...
HE'S THERE! HE... HE JUST STEPPED ONTO THE ROOF!
THE SNAKE... IT'S STRIKING! GENTLEMEN... JOHN REID WAS RIGHT!
GOODBYE, JOHN, GOODBYE, OLD FRIEND!
AN HOUR PASSES, AND THEN A RADIO MESSAGE IS FLASHED TO A WAITING WORLD!
THE SNAKE FELL FROM THE BUILDING AN HOUR AGO. POLICE PATROLS CAN FIND NO TRACE OF IT. IT'S SAFE TO ENTER THE CITY.
AND NEW YORKERS THRONG BACK INTO THEIR STREETS IN A HOLIDAY MOOD!
TWO HOURS LATER, ON FIFTH AVENUE, A LITTLE BOY IN THE HAPPY CROWD SPOILS HIS MOTHER'S CELEBRATION...
MOMMY, LOOK! A NASSY OL WORM! I STEPPED ON 'IM, MOMMY!
DON'T, JOHNNY! YOU'LL DIRTY YOUR SHOES!
NASSY CRAWLY THING! THERE
OH, JOHNNY! NOW WE'LL HAVE TO GO HOME AND CHANGE YOUR SHOES!
AND SO, FORGOTTEN IN A DUSTY GUTTER, THREE LIVES COME TO AN END... PAUL VALE, BRILLIANT MAN WITH AN INSANE DREAM. JOHN REID WHO GAVE HIS LIFE FOR THE PEOPLE AND CITY HE LOVED! AND THE MONSTER THAT CAPTURED A CITY... THE BIG SNAKE!
THE END!

SATAN'S DEAD DEMONS

MACAGNO

MEDICAL STUDENTS BECOME CALLOUSED TO SIGHTS WHICH MIGHT SHOCK OTHERS INTO THEIR GRAVES. BUT NOT EVEN CALLOUSED MEDICAL STUDENTS COULD STAND

WHEN THEY DIE, THE CITY'S POOR AND NAMELESS OFTEN TRAVEL A SILENT ROAD TO CITY HOSPITAL'S "CORPSE TANK," A DEEP VAT OF COOL FORMALDEHYDE IN WHICH THE UNCLAIMED DEAD ARE PRESERVED. FROM THIS TANK MEDICAL STUDENTS CLAIM "SPECIMENTS TO STUDY...

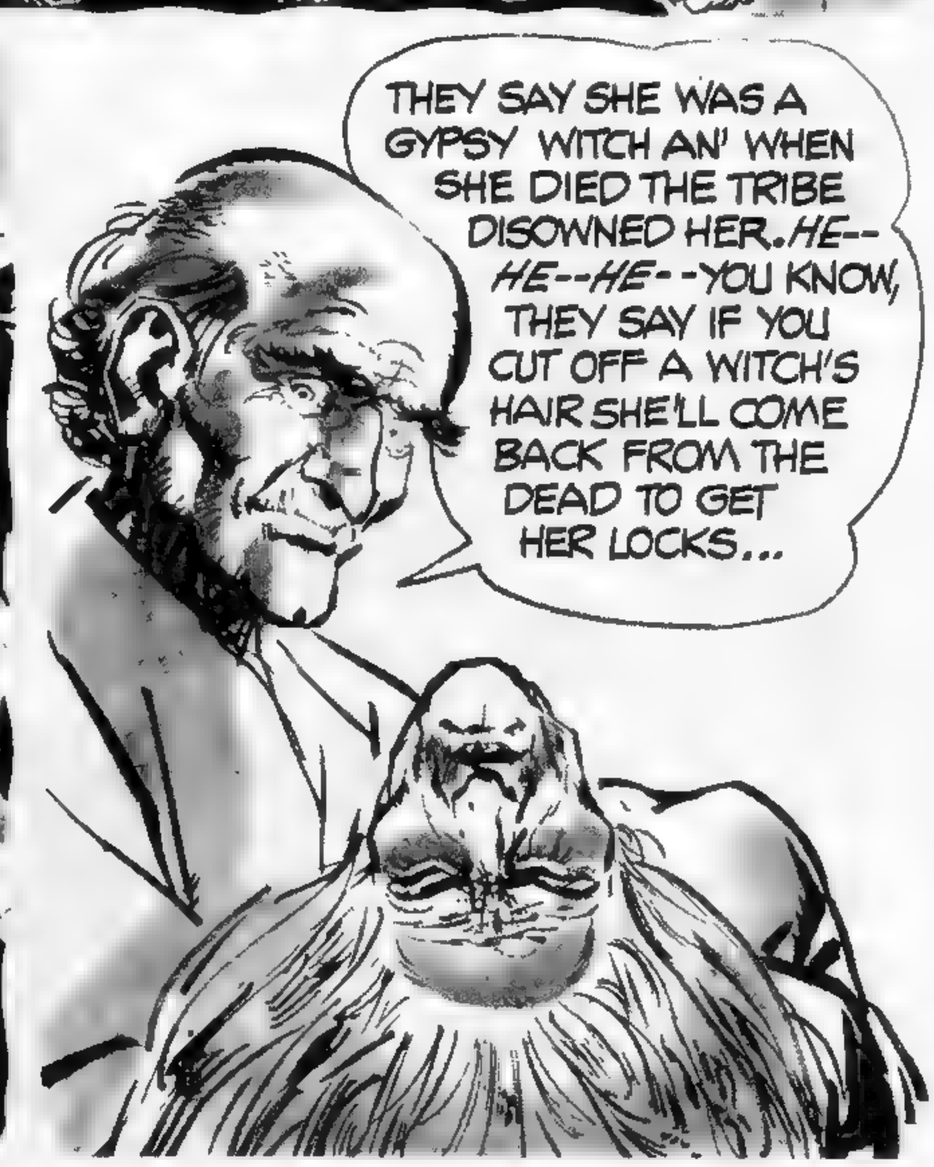
LET'S SEE HOW YOU'RE DOING--
THERE'S A TOUGH PIECE HERE TO CUT, I--HEY! LOOK OUT!

BLAST IT!
HA-HA-HA!! GOOD THING YOU'RE WORKING ON A "STIFF"! A REGULAR PATIENT WOULDN'T GO FOR YOUR TECHNIQUE, HA-HA--

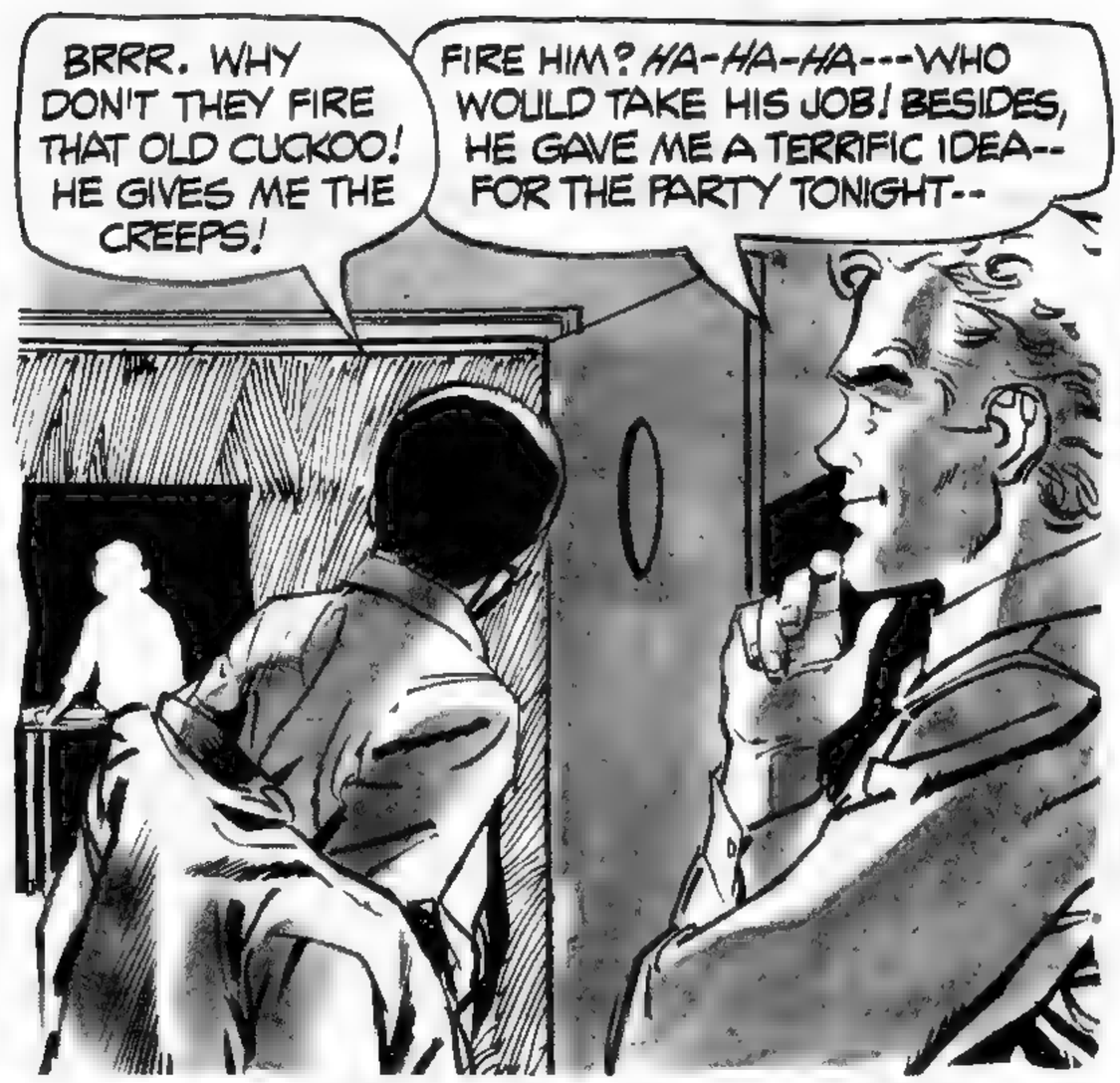
WELL-- LET'S CALL IT A DAY, WE'VE GOT TO GET READY FOR THE PARTY...
OKAY. I'M NOT IN SHAPE FOR ANY MORE DISSECTION TONIGHT. MY EYES ARE ABOUT READY TO GIVE OUT...

WELL, WELL--DIDN'T KNOW YOU GENTLEMEN WERE IN HERE. HE-HE-HE---GOT ANOTHER BEAUTY HERE--HE-HE-HE---WANTS TO TAKE A SWIM IN OUR TANK, SHE DOES...

SAY, SAM, WHEN YOU HAVE TIME, PUT THESE TWO BODIES BACK IN THE TANK, WILL YOU?
SURELY, SURELY, BOYS, BUT FIRST OL' SAM HAS TA PUT QUEEN SHEBA HERE IN THE TANK. HE-HE-HE--


THEY SAY SHE WAS A GYPSY WITCH AN' WHEN SHE DIED THE TRIBE DISOWNED HER. HE--HE--HE--YOU KNOW, THEY SAY IF YOU CUT OFF A WITCH'S HAIR SHE'LL COME BACK FROM THE DEAD TO GET HER LOCKS...

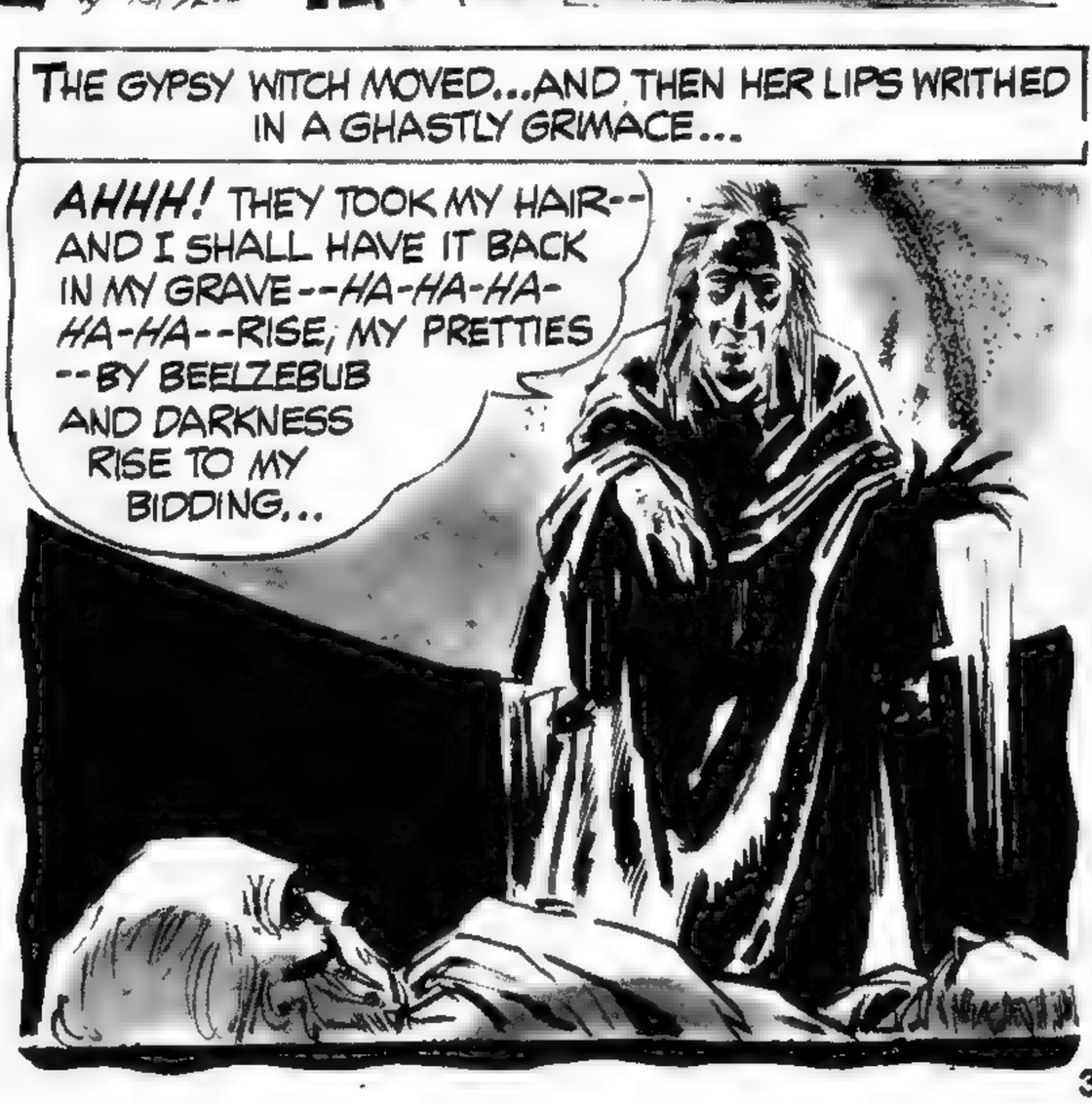
HAVE A NICE SWIM, WITCHY! HE-HE-HE-- FIRST TIME WE EVER HAD A WITCH IN OUR SWIMMING POOL! HE-HE-HE--


BRRR. WHY DON'T THEY FIRE THAT OLD CUCKOO! HE GIVES ME THE CREEPS!
FIRE HIM? HA-HA-HA---WHO WOULD TAKE HIS JOB! BESIDES, HE GAVE ME A TERRIFIC IDEA-- FOR THE PARTY TONIGHT--

HEY! WHAT ARE YOU DOING?
CUTTING OFF THE WITCH'S HAIR, BOY! WE'LL USE THESE LOCKS TO MAKE PLACE-CARDS AT THE PARTY! A KNOCK-OUT OF AN IDEA, HUH?

I-I DON'T KNOW, TED, SOMEHOW I-- WELL, I WONDER IF IT'S RIGHT. YOU KNOW WHAT SAM SAID...
DON'T TELL ME YOU BELIEVE THAT DRIVEL OF SAM'S! HA-HA-HA--- LOOK AT THAT OLD HAG! THINK SHE'LL COME AFTER HER HAIR?

AND SO THE DISSECTION ROOM WAS LEFT IN SILENCE, BUT AS THE MOON ROSE...
MY HAIR---> GASP! ---MY HAAA-I-R-R-R-R---


THE GYPSY WITCH MOVED...AND THEN HER LIPS WRITHED IN A GHASTLY GRIMACE...
AHHH! THEY TOOK MY HAIR-- AND I SHALL HAVE IT BACK IN MY GRAVE--HA-HA-HA-HA-HA--RISE, MY PRETTIES --BY BEELZEBUB AND DARKNESS RISE TO MY BIDDING...

MEANWHILE, AT THE SMALL, APARTMENT IN WHICH MACK AND TED LIVE...

WELL, IT'S BEEN A KNOCKOUT PARTY, GUYS, BUT I'VE GOT TO SCRAM— GOT EXAMS TOMORROW.

I'M TAKING MY PRICELESS PLACE-CARD WITH ME. "WITCH'S HAIR" --HA-HA-HA-

SURE--EVERY-BODY TAKE THEIR HUNK OF HAIR WITH 'EM! HA-H-- WATCH OUT FOR THE WITCH!

LISTEN TO ME-E-E-HE-HE---MY PRETTIES! WE SEARCH FOR WITCH'S HAIR--MY OWN! AND YOU WILL SEE IT WITH YOUR EYES OF DEATH FOR IT WILL **GLOW** FOR YOU WHEREVER IT IS! KILL--**BRING BACK MY HAIR----**

AND IN A FAR CORNER OF THE CITY, TED AND MACK WALK THEIR DATES HOME...

HONESTLY, TED, YOU'RE A SCREAM! HA-HA-HA-- IMAGINE CUTTING OFF A WITCH'S HAIR!

YOU KNOW ME, TOOTS! "TERRIBLE TED!"

HA-HA--AS IF THERE WERE SUCH THINGS AS WITCHES!

AND FAR ABOVE THE NIGHT AIR CARRIES WITH IT HIDEOUS PASSENGERS...

ARRRR=

THE GLOW-- THE G-L-O-W-W-W---

AND IN THE ROOM FAR BELOW ONE OF THE PARTY-GOERS PREPARES FOR BED...

;YAWWWN; NOW FOR A GOOD NIGHT'S SLEEP...HA-HA-HA...THOSE CRAZY BOYS-- WITCH'S HAIR...HAHAHA.... ;YAWWWWN;...

AHHHH...

THE HAIR---THE WITCH'S HAIR...

AND THE ROAD TO DREAMLAND PROVES TO BE THE DARK LAND OF DEATH....
DEATH TO THOSE WHO STEAL THE HAIR...
ARRGGH...
AND OTHER PARTY-GOERS MEET A SIMILAR FATE....
YAAA...
THE HAIR...HER HAIR---I COME FOR IT---
ONE BY ONE THE PARTY-GOERS MEET A HARSH SCREAMING DEATH...
AHHH! THAT FACE--THAT FACE!
HAIR--IN THERE--THE WITCH'S HAIR--
THE HAIR---THE WITCH'S HAIR... THERE WILL BE NO REST!
AHHHHH!
A-HA-HA-HA---WE HAVE ALMOST ALL OF IT NOW, MY PRETTIES! ALL--EXCEPT FOR TWO LOCKS...AND I MUST HAVE THAT, TOO--I MUST HAVE IT--
AND IT IS THERE--WHERE THE GLOW IS...FOLLOW ME... HE-HE-HE-HE--
WE COME... FOR THE HAIR...THE WITCH'S HAIR...

WHEW... WHY DO YOU GIRLS LIVE SO FAR AWAY?
HA-HA-HA--WE'RE ALMOST THERE.
AHHHHH.. LOOK--LOOK!

WHAT--IS IT--
TED--TED--IT'S THE WITCH!..
MY HAIR--M-Y---H-A-I-R--

MY HAIR--MY H-A-I-R--I HAVE IT--KILL--K-I-L-L--
YAAAAA
NOOOO

ONLY ONE FIGURE IS LEFT ON THE BRIDGE...THAT OF TED...AND HE STARES ABOUT HIM WITH MADMAN'S EYES...
:GASP:...MUST BE A DREAM! IT COULDN'T--HAVE BEEN THAT GYPSY! :GASP: SHE'S IN THE CORPSE TANK, OR--IS SHE? I'VE GOT TO KNOW...

WITH TERROR BURNING HIS HEELS, TED RACED TO CITY HOSPITAL....AND THE DISSECTION ROOM. THEN...
NO! SHE'S STILL THERE! IT IS A DREAM..I... :GASP:---THE HAIR! SHE HAS THE HAIR IN HER HAND--OH!...IT CAN'T BE--

AHHHH---MACK! SUE--BETH! THEY'RE HA-HA-HA-HA-IN THE TANK! HA-HA-HA...THE WITCH PUT THEM THERE--HA-HA-HA-HA---THEY'RE DEAD---DEAD---HA-HA-HA-
The End

THE NIGHT DESCENDS... AND ALL THE CREATURES OF EARTH CURL UP FOR SLEEP, BUT ALIVE AND LURKING, IS ONE THAT HOWLS WITH EVIL GLEE... A CREATURE SHUNNED BY MAN AND BEAST, THAT KILLS BY FANG AND CLAW... A HORROR THAT WAITS FOR A...

WEREWOLF

SO DEVASTATING HAD BEEN HIS FRIEND'S CRITICISM THAT ALEX NOME CONSIDERED THE CHEMICAL THEORY... LATER, IN HIS OWN ROOM...
OKAY... IF THEY WANT PROOF, I'LL SHOW THEM! I'LL DUPLICATE GAROU'S ENTIRE EXPERIMENT!

...BUT I'LL NEED "WOLF BANE" CRYSTALS AND GAROU'S NOTES SAY THAT HE WAS TO BE BURIED WITH THE CRYSTALS WHEN HE DIED! MY ONLY SOURCE THEN... IS GAROU'S GRAVE!

LUPE GAROU, THE MAN WHO HAD PERPETRATED THE HOAX OF THE CENTURY, LAY ENTOMBED IN A WEED-CHOKED CEMETERY ON THE OUTSKIRTS OF TOWN... TWO NIGHTS LATER...
I MUST'VE BEEN CRAZY TO COME HERE! IF THE POLICE CATCH ME, I'M SUNK!

MAYBE LARRY AND RUSSEL ARE RIGHT! ME AND MY INSANE THEORIES! WHO EVER HEARD OF SOMEONE WANTING TO BE BURIED WITH WOLF BANE? WELL SOON FIND OUT...

GREAT SCOTT!! H-HE WAS RIGHT!! LOOK AT HIS FACE!

IT'S TRUE THEN! LUPE GAROU DELIBERATELY COMMITTED SUICIDE BY INHALING THE CHOKING VAPORS OF WOLF BANE! THE TOWNSPEOPLE MUST HAVE BURIED HIM WITH THE REST OF THE CRYSTALS AS HE DIRECTED, ONE HUNDRED YEARS AGO!! INCREDIBLE!

LATER...
THINK OF IT, DARLING... THE MINUTE I ANNOUNCE MY DISCOVERY, SCIENCE WILL STRIDE AHEAD!
OH, PLEASE ALEX! STOP TALKING IN MELODRAMATIC CLICHES!

COME NOW! ADMIT YOU'RE JOKING! WEREWOLVES, CHEMICAL REACTIONS! HA, HA! I'D RATHER YOU TOLD ME YOU LOVED ME!
YOU KNOW I DO, ALICE... BUT I'M DEADLY EARNEST ABOUT THIS AND I'LL PROVE IT!

MIDNIGHT... AND THE FULL OF THE MOON OVER THE LAND... LARGE... OMINOUS... THE PORTENT OF DEATH...
I'VE MELTED ALL THE CRYSTALS INTO THE FLUID AND NOW... ACCORDING TO GAROU'S FORMULA, I MUST DRINK IT AT MIDNIGHT AT FULL MOON!

THE MOONLIGHT PROBABLY HAS SOME SUBTLE EFFECT ON THE REACTION THAT I CAN'T EXPLAIN AS YET... BUT NOW... HERE GOES!!

ARRGH! MY THROAT... ON FIRE! FEEL STRANGE.. DIZZY... SOMETHING'S HAPPENING TO ME...

IT WORKED! I HAVE A DESIRE TO KILL-- KILL! HA,HA!

LATER...ON THE STREET...
GETTING A BIT CHILLY LATELY! THINK I'LL WEAR MY WINTER COAT TOMORROW!

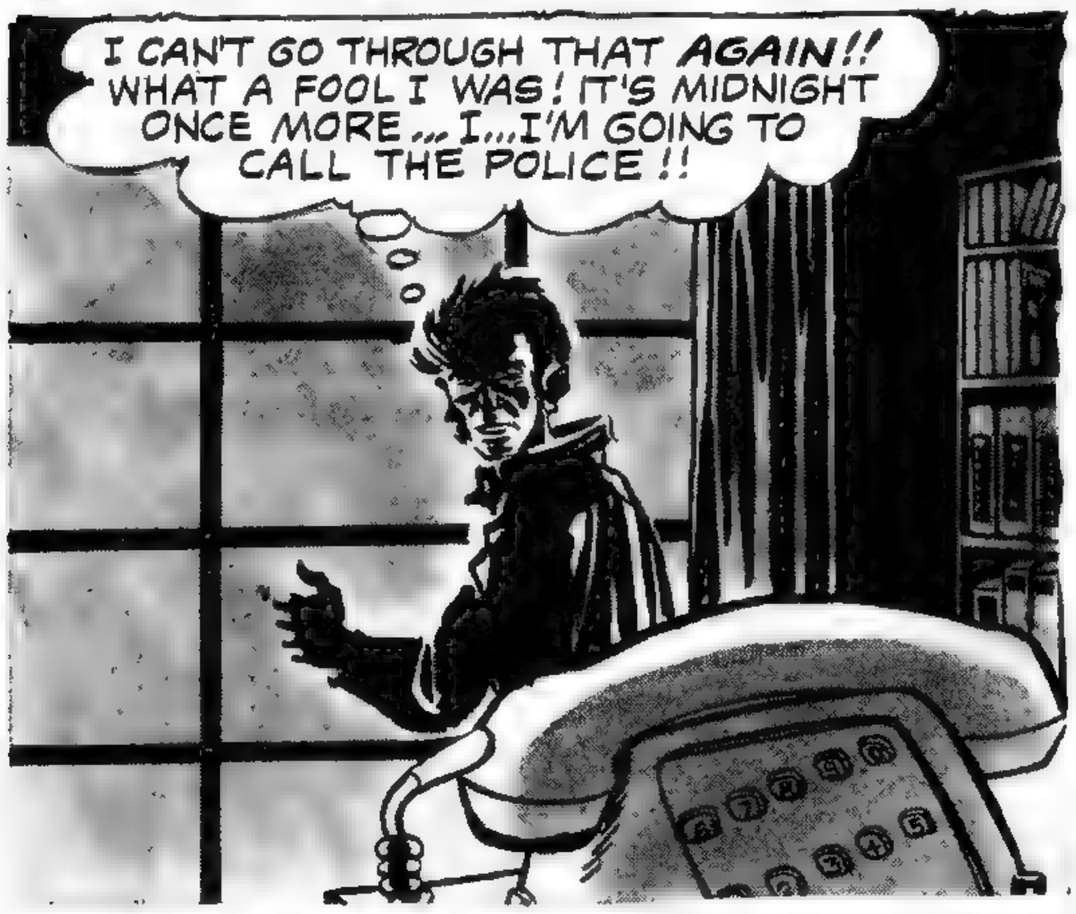
AAGGH! LET GO!! W-WHAT DO YOU WANT? AGGHH--!
...KILL KILL KILL!

YAA-A-AHHH!

And THE BEAST OF HORROR STRUCK AGAIN... AGAIN... AND AGAIN AND...

AND WHEN DAWN CAME...
OHHH-H... WHERE AM I? W-WHAT HAVE I DONE? I--I KILLED! HEAVEN HELP ME!

ALEX DIDN'T KNOW WHAT MADE HIM LIE BECAUSE NOW HE WAS TWO PEOPLE... AN EVIL MONSTER ENCASED IN THE BODY OF A YOUNG MAN! LATER...



ALICE!! AND... AND... GOOD LORD! ALEX!

ALEX LETS GO OF THE GIRL AND ATTACKS HIS FRIEND...
HELP! HELP! CAN'T FIGHT HIM...MUCH... LONGER...!!

SUDDENLY THE POLICE ARRIVE BUT THE MENACE TURNS AND RUNS...
HEY, YOU! STOP!!
N-NO!! DON'T SHOOT HIM! HE'S SICK!!

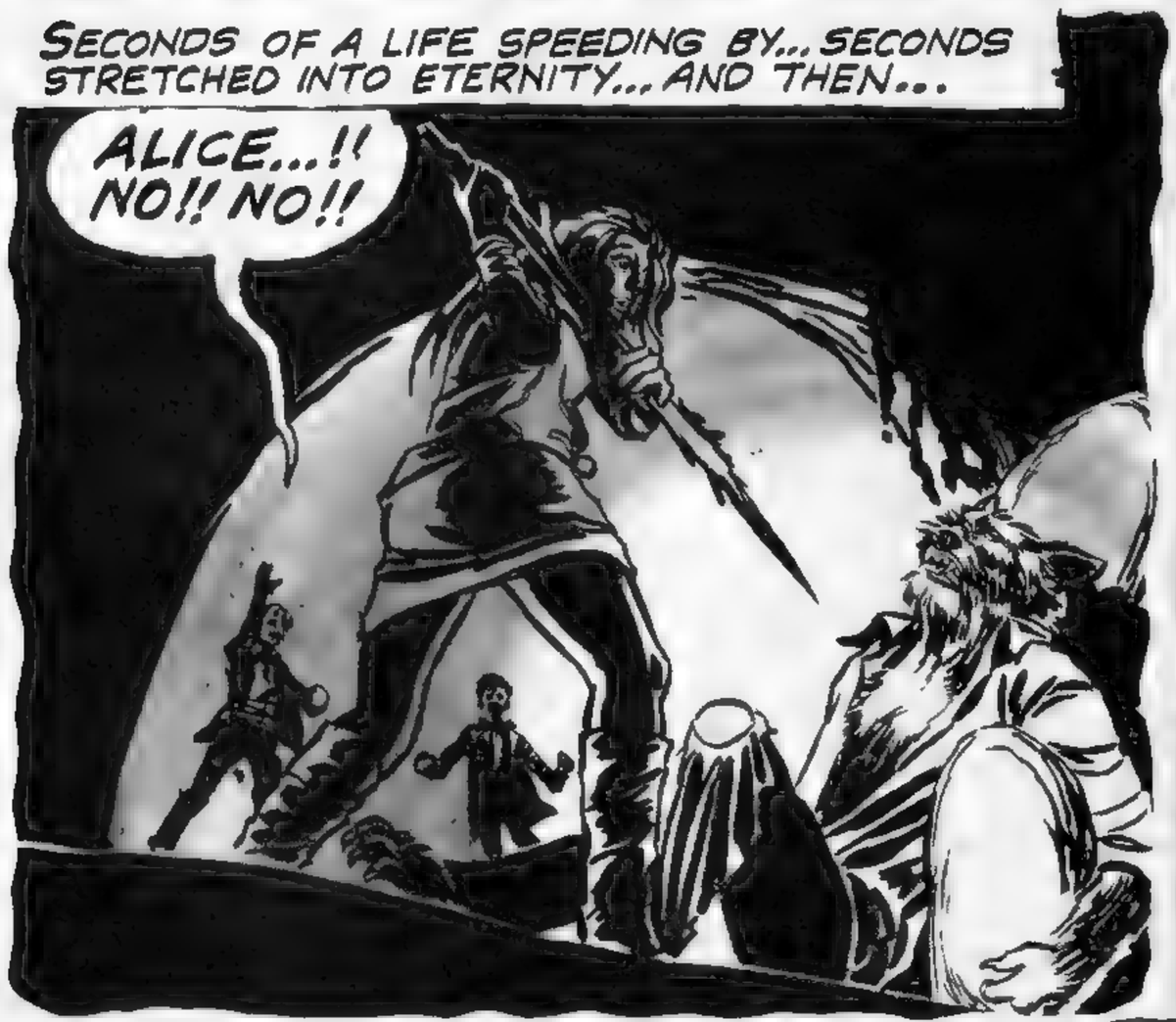
LATER...
IT'S ALMOST MORNING...THEY'LL FIND ME SOON! I CAN'T LET THEM TAKE ME! I-I WON'T BE ABLE TO DIE! I HAVEN'T GONE BACK TO MY HUMAN FORM! THE CHEMICAL REACTION MUST HAVE BEEN PERMANENT!

IF THEY TRY TO EXECUTE ME, I'LL LIVE TO KILL AGAIN! THERE'S ONLY ONE WAY OUT OF THIS! GAROU MENTIONED HYPNOSIS OF ONE'S VICTIMS... FORGIVE ME, MY DARLING FOR WHAT I AM ABOUT TO DO...

MEANWHILE, BACK IN ALEX'S ROOM...
TRY TO CARRY OUT HIS EXPERIMENT TO THE LETTER, LARRY! WE MUST HAVE AN ANTI-DOTE QUICKLY!
BETTER STILL... I'M GOING TO DRINK THE SAME CONCOCTION ALEX MADE! HERE GOES!

ONE HOUR LATER...
IT'S AS WE FEARED! THIS SOLUTION HAS ABSOLUTELY NO EFFECT!
YES!! ALL THIS IS NOTHING BUT WASTED EFFORT! POOR ALEX!

ALEX IS ON MOON HILL! HE HAS ALICE UP THERE! THE POLICE SAW HER WALKING UP THERE ALONE! THAT'S HOW THEY FOUND HIM! THEY'RE GOING TO CLOSE IN!
LET'S GO! COME ON, LARRY, I KNOW A SHORT CUT!


SECONDS OF A LIFE SPEEDING BY... SECONDS STRETCHED INTO ETERNITY... AND THEN...
ALICE...!! NO!! NO!!

YIEEEE!!

POLICE, MORBID PEOPLE... REPORTERS... A CRYING GIRL WAKING UP FROM HER TRANCE... BUT MORE STARTLING... THE FACE OF THE BEAST...
WHY... HE'S NORMAL... NORMAL IN EVERY WAY!
YES, RUSSEL... IN EVER WAY...

...EXCEPT IN HIS MIND! INSANITY MADE HIM THINK HE WAS A WEREWOLF! BUT REASON RECONQUERED FOR A WHILE MAKING HIM WANT TO KILL HIMSELF! WHAT BETTER WAY THAN TO HAVE HIS SWEETHEART DO IT? YES, INSANITY WAS THE HORRIBLE BEAST... NOT HIS EXPERIMENTS!
BUT HOW DID ALICE KNOW HE WAS HERE? HOW DID SHE KNOW WHERE TO FIND HIM? EXPLAIN THAT IF YOU CAN!! EXPLAIN IT!!
THE END

THE GHOUL

HORACE VENNERY, THE TOWN UNDERTAKER, HAD BUILT UP A NEAT LITTLE SIDE-LINE-ROBBING CORPSES! HE EXTRACTED GOLD TEETH AS WELL AS WEDDING BANDS! AFTER ALL, NOBODY BUT THE DEAD WERE WITNESSES TO HIS PILFERINGS! HOW CAN THE DEAD REVENGE THEMSELVES? DEAD MEN CAN'T STRIKE BACK...OR CAN THEY?

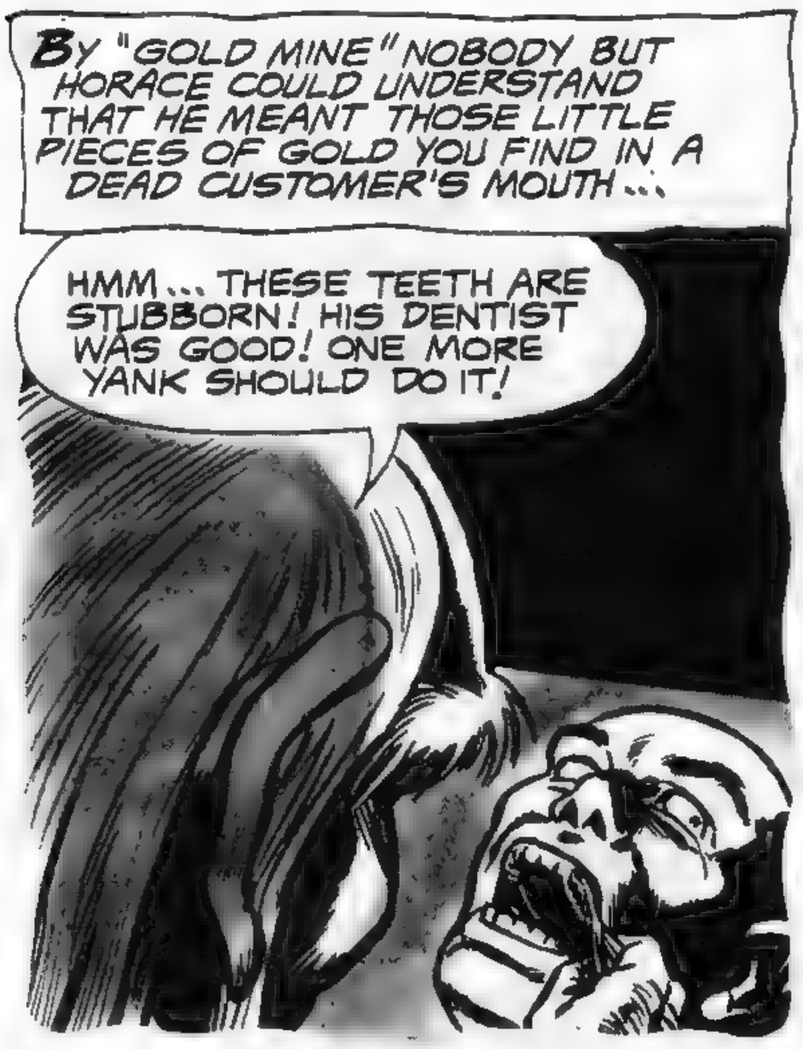
FORTUNATELY, A RAT IS ONLY CONCERNED WITH FILLING HIS BELLY-- HE ISN'T INTERESTED IN RICHES! AHH! WHAT A PITY TO BURY THIS SIX FEET UNDER THE GROUND!

IT SHOULD BRING AT LEAST A THOUSAND DOLLARS!

WHY BURY WEALTH? --- ESPECIALLY WEALTH THAT CAN DO NOTHING FOR THEM?

AND WHO IS THE WISER? THE CEMETERY RATS? THE CADAVERS? HA! THE FOG WILL NOT BETRAY ME!

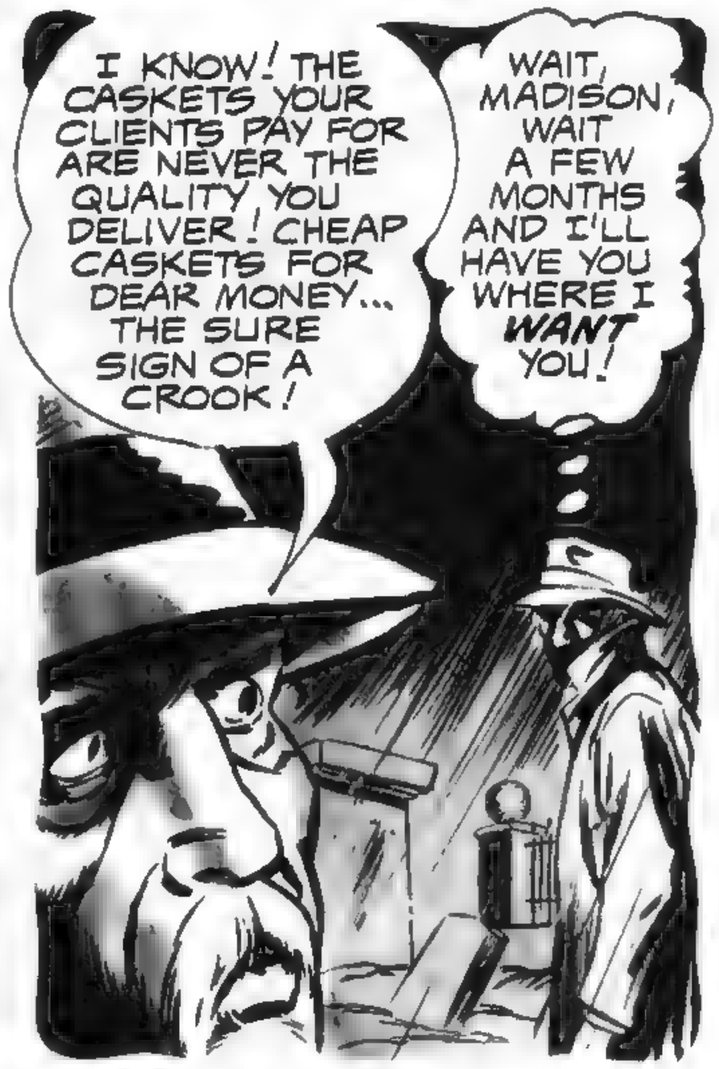
MEANWHILE, I ENRICH MYSELF! FROM THE CASKETS I SELL AND RAID! AND SO ON TO THE NEXT GOLD MINE!


BY "GOLD MINE" NOBODY BUT HORACE COULD UNDERSTAND THAT HE MEANT THOSE LITTLE PIECES OF GOLD YOU FIND IN A DEAD CUSTOMER'S MOUTH...
HMM... THESE TEETH ARE STUBBORN! HIS DENTIST WAS GOOD! ONE MORE YANK SHOULD DO IT!

THERE! ANOTHER NUGGET TO ADD TO MY TRESURE HOUSE!

YES, INDEED... ONE DAY HORACE VENNERY WILL PACK THE CONTENTS OF HIS SAFE IN A TRUNK AND DEPART FOR POINTS WEST AND LIVE LIKE, LIKE A KING!

ONE RAINY AFTERNOON, A WEEK LATER, HORACE FOUND HIMSELF LOOKING ALMOST TOO POINTEDLY AT A STICKPIN IN A PROSPECTIVE CUSTOMER'S TIE...



A MONTH LATER, A BLACK WREATH APPEARED MOURNFULLY ON THE THRESHOLD OF THE TOWN'S LEADING CITIZEN...

EGBERT MADISON'S LIMBS WERE NOT STRAIGHTENED BY HORACE VENNERY'S GREEDY HANDS, BUT OTHER DIFFICULTIES LOOMED...

HORACE VENNERY WAS PRESENT AS THE REMAINS OF EGBERT MADISON WERE PLACED IN THE RECEIVING TOMB...
HOW LONG WILL THE GRAVE-DIGGER STRIKE LAST? THE COFFINS HAVE BEEN PILING UP!
IT CAN'T BE HELPED! WE CAN'T IGNORE THE UNION!

TECHNICALITIES! NOTHING BUT TECHNICALITIES! A MAN CAN'T EVEN BE BURIED DECENTLY IN THIS COMPLEX SOCIETY OF OURS!
LUCKILY FOR ME! HEH! HEH! I WON'T HAVE TO DIG UP OLD MADISON AFTER ALL!!... JUST SNEAK INTO THE RECEIVING TOMB TONIGHT AND PRY OPEN THE COFFIN LID!

THAT NIGHT, AS A STORM RAGED...
HMM... THE CARETAKER IS GETTING READY FOR BED! WHY NOT? WHO SHOULD DISTURB HIS SLEEP? THE DEAD WON'T COME KNOCKING ON HIS DOOR!

FUNNY... MADISON SUSPECTING MY LITTLE SIDELINE! BUT WHAT CAN HE DO ABOUT IT NOW? HE LIES IN A COFFIN, ON A SLAB... DEFENCELESS!

I'LL ALSO HAVE A LOOK INSIDE THE OTHER COFFINS! I'M IN NO RUSH! I'VE GOT ALL NIGHT!

AHH! THERE THEY ARE! MY VICTIMS! I COULD STEAL THE EYEBALLS OUT OF THEIR HEADS AND THE COULDN'T STOP ME!

WE'LL SAVE OLD MADISON FOR LAST! LET'S SEE... WHAT HAVE WE HERE? MRS. RUPERTS AND HER STRING OF PEARLS!

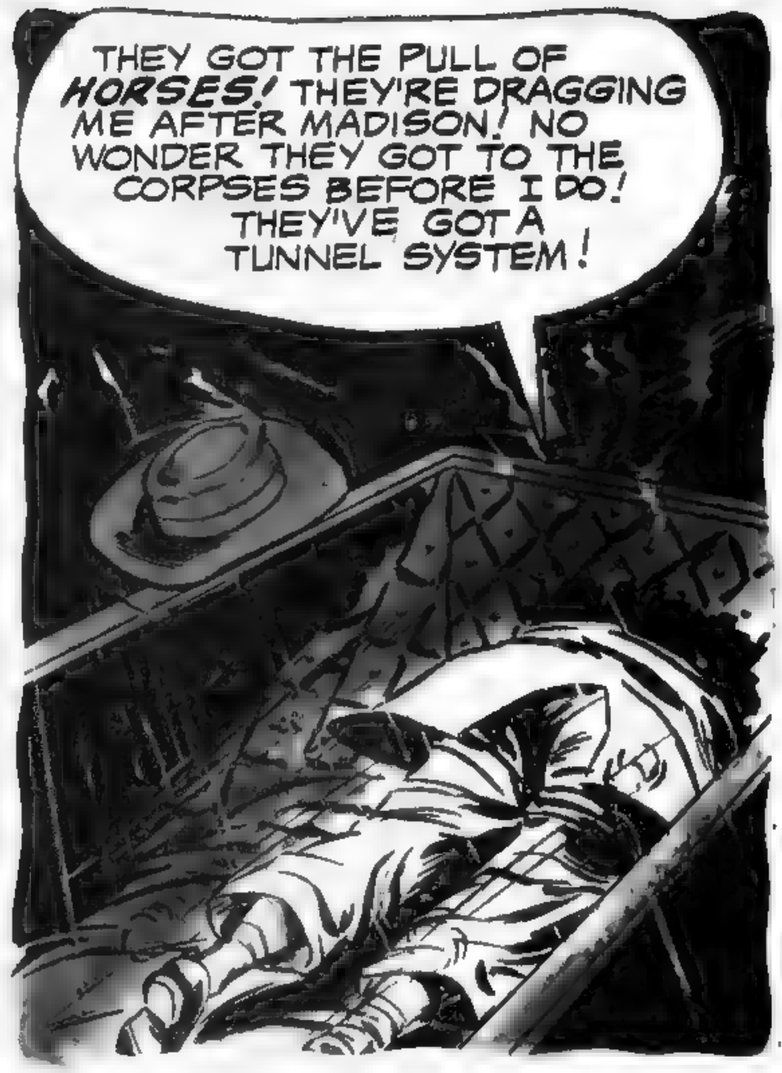
YOU WON'T NEED THESE ANY MORE, MRS RUPERTS!

THE WIND SUDDENLY SLAMMED THE CRYPT DOOR SHUT BUT HORACE'S EXPERIENCE WITH THE DEAD CAME TO HIS RESCUE...

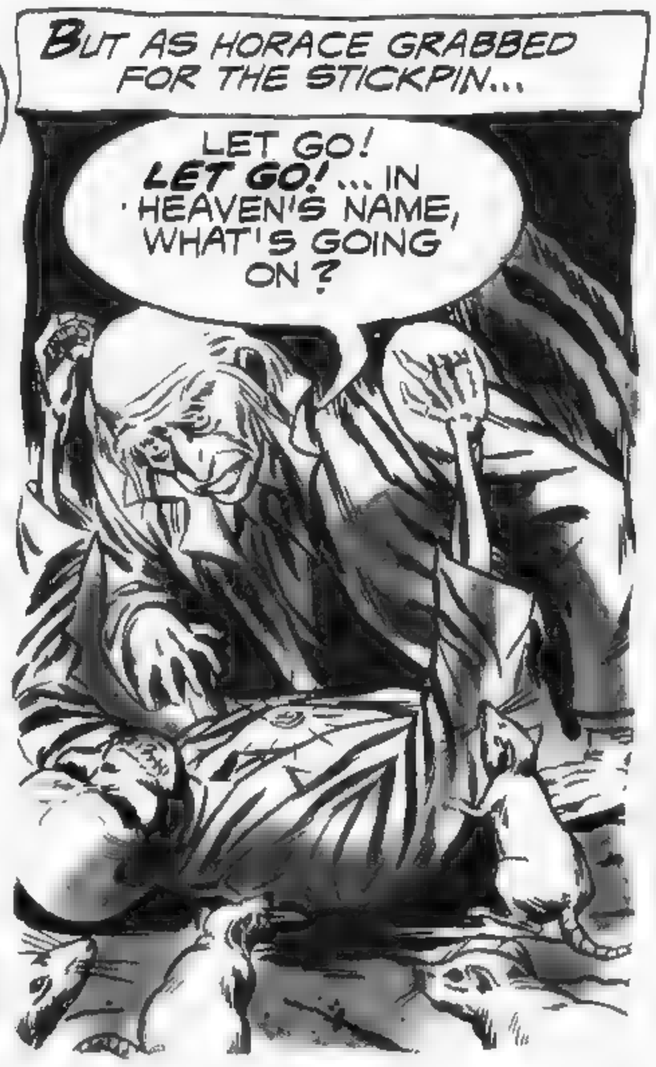
ONE RAINY NIGHT TWO WEEKS LATER A GRIM HORACE VENNERY INVADED THE CEMETERY! A SEETHING ANGER RAGED WITHIN HIM...

BUT WHEN HORACE OPENED IT...
IT'S EMPTY! HIS LEGS... T-THEY'RE MOVING!

NO! THEY'RE NOT MOVING! THEY'RE BEING PULLED OUT OF THE COFFIN! IT'S THOSE CURSED RATS! THEY GOT TO HIM FIRST! BUT THEY CAN'T HAVE HIM! HE'S MINE! MINE!


THEY GOT THE PULL OF HORSES! THEY'RE DRAGGING ME AFTER MADISON! NO WONDER THEY GOT TO THE CORPSES BEFORE I DO! THEY'VE GOT A TUNNEL SYSTEM!

I-I CAN'T FIGHT THEM! THEIR PULL IS TOO STRONG! I'LL JUST GRAB THE STICKPIN! THEY CAN HAVE MADISON!


BUT AS HORACE GRABBED FOR THE STICKPIN...
LET GO! LET GO! ... IN HEAVEN'S NAME, WHAT'S GOING ON?

PERHAPS HORACE'S MISTAKE WAS IN THRESHING ABOUT! FOR JUST THEN THE TUNNEL ROOF GAVE IN...
IT'S SEALED OFF THE HOLE! I-- I'M ENTOMBED!

A LOW CHUCKLE SOUNDED IN THE LITTLE TOMB! THE CHUCKLE DIDN'T COME FROM HORACE! IT DIDN'T COME FROM THE RATS WHO CHARGED FOWARD FROM ALL SIDES...
HEEEE HEEEEE!

WHAT CAME OUT OF HORACE WAS A SHRIEK NOBODY PAID ANY ATTENTION TO! LEAST OF ALL THE CEMETERY RATS! BECAUSE TONIGHT THERE WERE TWO COURSES ON THEIR BILL OF FARE!
THE END

THIS CAT IS EVIL

IN FEARFUL WHISPERS, THE BENGAL NATIVES HAD WARNED KEN JORGENS AWAY FROM THAT SECTION OF THE JUNGLES WHERE THE WERE-TIGERS HAD THEIR UNHOLY LAIRS! BUT JORGENS ONLY LAUGHED AT SUCH NONSENSE... UNTIL THE LAUGH TURNED INTO A SCREAM AT THE FIRST BLOODCURDLING SIGHT OF THE WERE-TIGRESS OF BENGAL!

SUDDENLY, FROM OUT OF THE DARKNESS OF THE CAVE, COMES A VISION OF LITTLE, TAWNY LOVELINESS...

WHA...! WHO ARE YOU?

BUT THE VISION DOESN'T ANSWER, MERELY COMES CLOSER WITH AN ANIMAL-LIKE GRACE!

SHE LOOKS AS IF SHE WANTS ME TO TAKE HER INTO MY ARMS!

BUT SUDDENLY, BEFORE JORGENS' HORRIFIED EYES...

SHE-- SHE'S CHANGED...! Y!!!!!

GRDOWRR

THEN THE TRANSFORMATION BECAME COMPLETE, AND...

I-I'M A GONER! UNLESS...

BANG!

THE BULLET FORTUNATELY HIT A VITAL ORGAN...

WHEW! THAT LUCKY SHOT JUST SAVED ME FROM BEING TORN TO PIECES BY THAT-- THAT WERE-TIGRESS! WERE-TIGERS DO EXIST...

AND IF THIS CUB'S MOTHER WAS A WERE-TIGRESS, THEN THE CUB MUST BE A WERE-TIGER TOO! I'LL MAKE A FORTUNE BY PUTTING IT ON EXHIBITION BACK IN THE STATES!

BUT ON THE VOYAGE BACK TO THE STATES...

BUT HOW CAN I PROVE TO ANYONE THAT THE CUB IS A WERE-TIGER, WHEN IT JUST STAYS A CUB? MAYBE IT WAS BORN WITH AN INSTINCT NOT TO CHANGE INTO HUMAN FORM EXCEPT FOR SELF-PRESERVATION!

WEEKS LATER, IN JORGENS' SUBURBAN HOME...
WELL, THEY GAVE ME A PERMIT TO KEEP YOU AS A PET... AND NOW I'M GOING TO START CIVILIZING YOU! I'M GOING TO TALK TO YOU AS IF YOU'RE A HUMAN CHILD WHO CAN LEARN A HUMAN LANGUAGE...
THEN, WHEN THE CUB HAS BECOME A YEAR OLD...
IT'S ABOUT THE EQUIVALENT OF A FIVE-YEAR OLD CHILD NOW... OLD ENOUGH TO UNDERSTAND WHAT I'M SAYING! NOW'S THE TIME TO PULL A TRICK...
I'LL WIND UP THIS TOY FOR YOU SO YOU'LL HAVE SOMETHING TO PLAY WITH!
AS SOON AS JORGENS LEAVE THE ROOM AND CLOSES THE DOOR...
AH, THE TOY'S STOPPED RUNNING! THERE'S ONLY ONE WAY TO WIND IT UP AGAIN! THERE'LL HAVE TO BE A TRANSFORMATION INTO HUMAN FORM... AND MY TIGER MAY DO IT IF I'M NOT AROUND!
I WAS RIGHT... THE CHANGE IS TAKING PLACE!
EVEN THOUGH I SAW IT... IT'S UNBELIEVABLE! WHAT A MIRACLE!
AND THEN JORGENS DASHES BACK INTO THE ROOM...
OKAY, YOU LITTLE WERE-TIGRESS, YOU'VE GIVEN YOURSELF AWAY! I KNOW WHAT YOU ARE!
BUT IN SELF-DEFENSE, THERE'S AN IMMEDIATE REVERSION TO THE NON-HUMAN FORM...
SO YOU'RE ANGRY BECAUSE I DISCOVERED YOUR SECRET, EH? I GUESS YOU WERE-BEAST ARE BORN WITH AN INSTINCT TO CONCEAL YOUR WERE-NATURE!

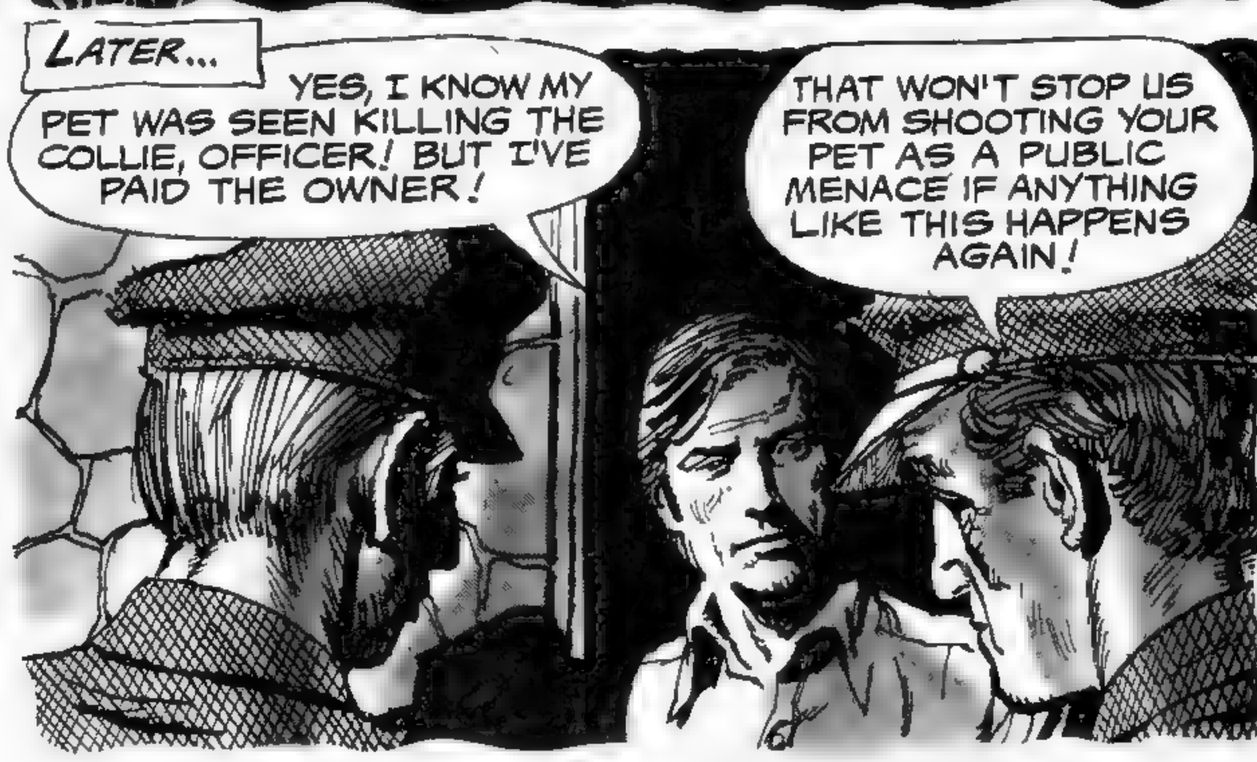
AS THE MONTHS FLY SWIFTLY BY...
STOP THAT SNARLING, TIGRA... UNLESS YOU WANT TO END UP IN A ZOO CAGE!

YOU'LL LIKE BEING A HUMAN... WHY DON'T YOU TRY IT?

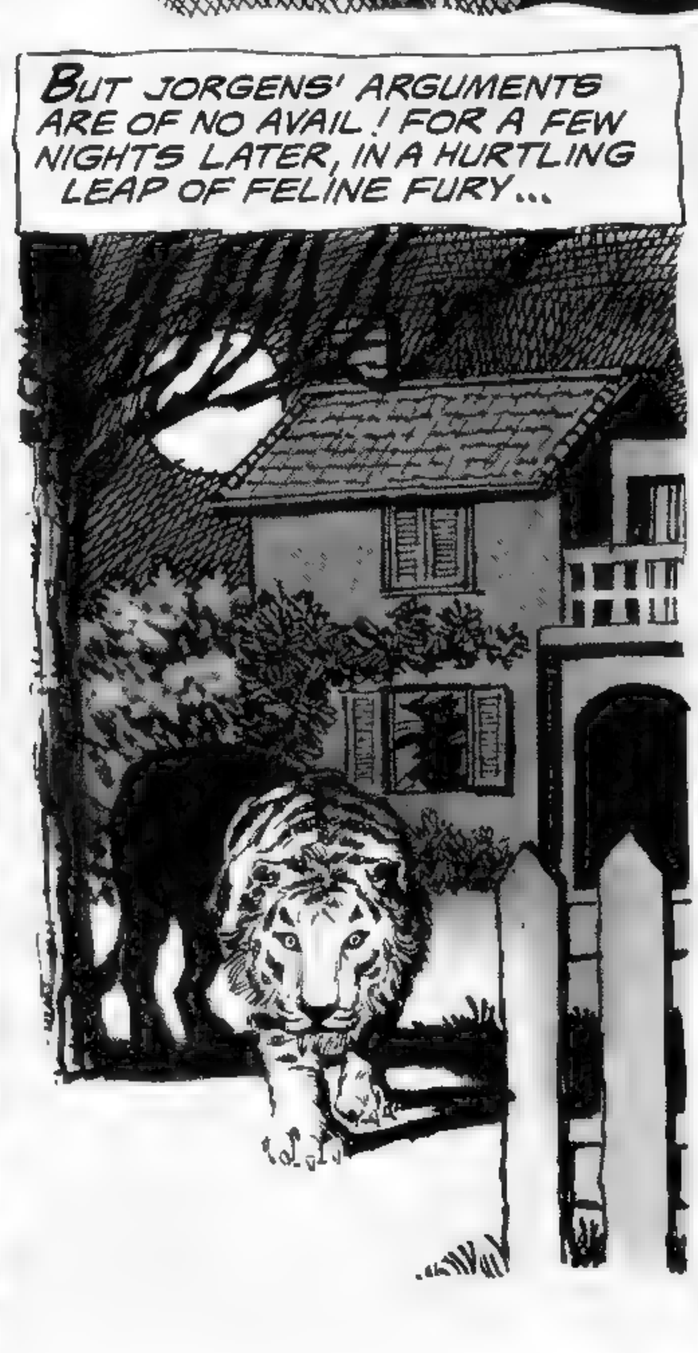
SOME DAY YOU'LL REALIZE THE ADVANTAGES OF BEING A HUMAN, TIGRA!

BUT ONE NIGHT WHEN THE TIGRESS IS ALMOST FOUR YEARS OLD, TROUBLE STRIKES!
TIGRA, COME BACK!

GROWRR!
WITH BARED FANGS, THE TIGRESS PROWLS THE STREETS, SEARCHING FOR PREY... AND THEN IN A SLASHING ATTACK...


LATER...
YES, I KNOW MY PET WAS SEEN KILLING THE COLLIE, OFFICER! BUT I'VE PAID THE OWNER!
THAT WON'T STOP US FROM SHOOTING YOUR PET AS A PUBLIC MENACE IF ANYTHING LIKE THIS HAPPENS AGAIN!

YOU HEARD THAT COP! I KNOW YOU HAVE KILLER INSTINCTS THAT ARE HARD TO CONTROL, BUT YOU'LL HAVE TO CONTROL THEM IF YOU WANT TO STAY ALIVE!


BUT JORGENS' ARGUMENTS ARE OF NO AVAIL! FOR A FEW NIGHTS LATER, IN A HURTLING LEAP OF FELINE FURY...

THEN, WITH THE MOONLIGHT GLINTING OFF RAZOR-SHARP CLAWS AND MURDEROUS CLAWS...

SOON AFTERWARDS...
WE INTERUPT THIS PROGRAM FOR A SPECIAL NEWS FLASH! A VICIOUS TIGER IS ON THE LOOSE IN THE CITY, AND IT IS KNOWN TO HAVE SLAIN TWO PEOPLE IN THE LAST HALF HOUR...!
WHA...? I'D BETTER CHECK TO SEE IF TIGRA IS STILL TIED UP!
TIGRA! YOU--YOU WERE ON THE LOOSE...THERE'S BLOOD ON YOUR MOUTH!
IT WENT INTO JORGENS' HOUSE! IT MUST BE HIS TIGER! LET'S GET INSIDE AND KILL IT!
YOU FOOL! THE POLICE FOLLOWED YOU HERE! NOW YOU'VE GOT TO CHANGE INTO YOUR HUMAN FORM! THAT'S THE ONLY WAY YOU CAN ESCAPE DEATH!
AND...
PERHAPS YOU'RE RIGHT!
NOW YOU'RE SHOWING SENSE! LUCKY I HAD THIS DRESS HERE FOR AN EMERGENCY LIKE THIS!
BUT THERE MUST BE SOME MISTAKE! I SOLD MY TIGER TO A TRAVELING CIRCUS A FEW DAYS AGO!
YOU'RE LYING, JORGENS! COME ON, MEN! SEARCH THE PLACE!
AFTER A THOROUGH SEARCH...
WELL, WHAT DID I TELL YOU?
I STILL DON'T BELIEVE YOU, JORGENS! WE SAW THAT TIGER COME IN HERE, AND WE'RE GONNA KEEP A CONSTANT WATCH ON THIS HOUSE!
WHEN THE POLICE LEAVE...
THAT DOES IT, TIGRA! YOU'LL HAVE TO STAY IN YOUR HUMAN FORM FROM NOW ON...OR BE SHOT ON SIGHT!
I-I DIDN'T WANT TO KILL...(SOB!) BUT I COULDN'T HELP MYSELF!

I WANTED TO FIND OUT IF I COULD CONTROL MY INSTINCTS BY ASSUMING MY HUMAN FORM, BUT I WAS AFRAID YOU'D PUT ME ON EXHIBITION AS A-- A FREAK!
I GUESS I DID HAVE THAT IN MIND WHEN I FIRST BROUGHT YOU HOME... BUT NOW ALL I WANT TO DO IS MARRY YOU!

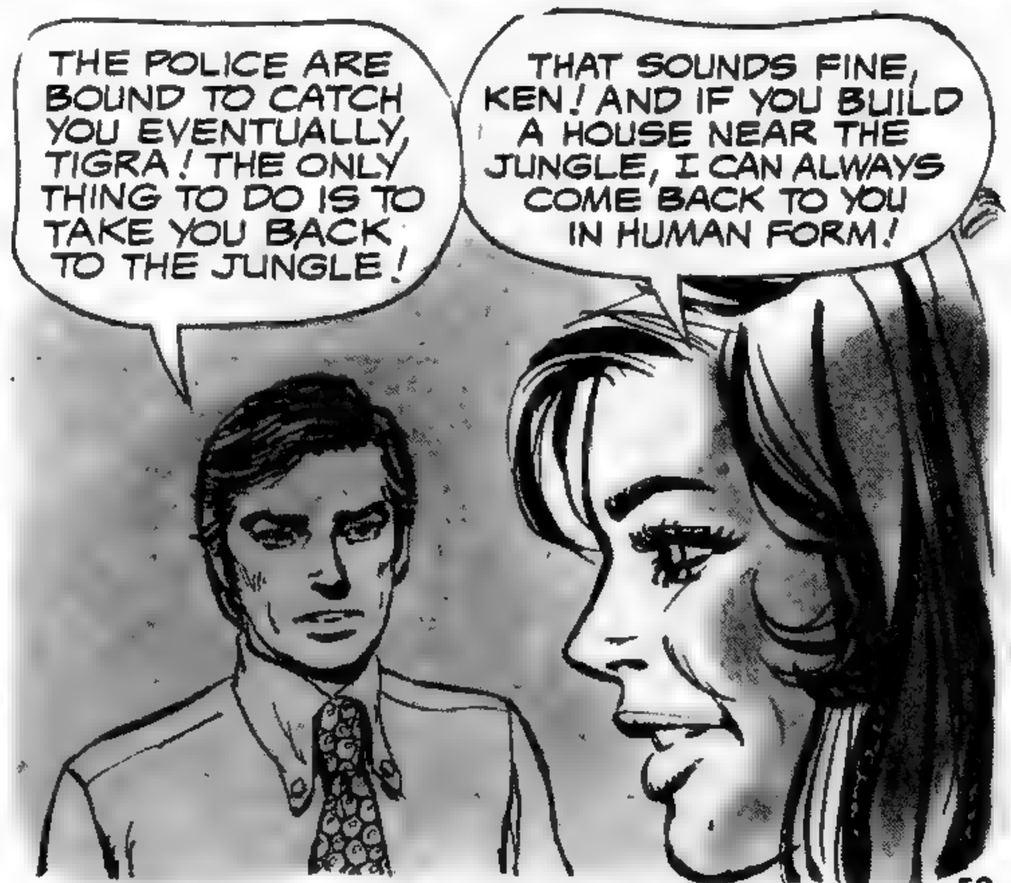
BUT JUST BEFORE THE WEDDING...
KEN, MAYBE WE SHOULDN'T GO THROUGH WITH THIS! I-I FEEL MY KILLER'S INSTINCT AWAKENING AGAIN!
NONESENSE, DARLING! I'M SURE OUR LOVE WILL CHANGE ALL THAT!
JUSTICE OF THE PE

BUT IN THE DARK HOURS...
I-I HAD TO GET AWAY FROM KEN! I LOVE HIM TO MUCH TO MAKE HIM MY VICTIM!

AND A FEW BLOCKS AWAY, SUDDEN TERROR... AND DEATH!
GROOOW!
AHHHHH!

IN THE MORNING, WHEN KEN JORGENS READS THE SCREAMING HEADLINES...
YES, KEN... I WAS THE MYSTERY TIGER LAST NIGHT! I TRIED TO CONTROL MY IMPULSES--BUT THEY WERE TO STRONG FOR ME!
I-I OUGHT TO TURN HER IN BUT I LOVE HER TOO MUCH!

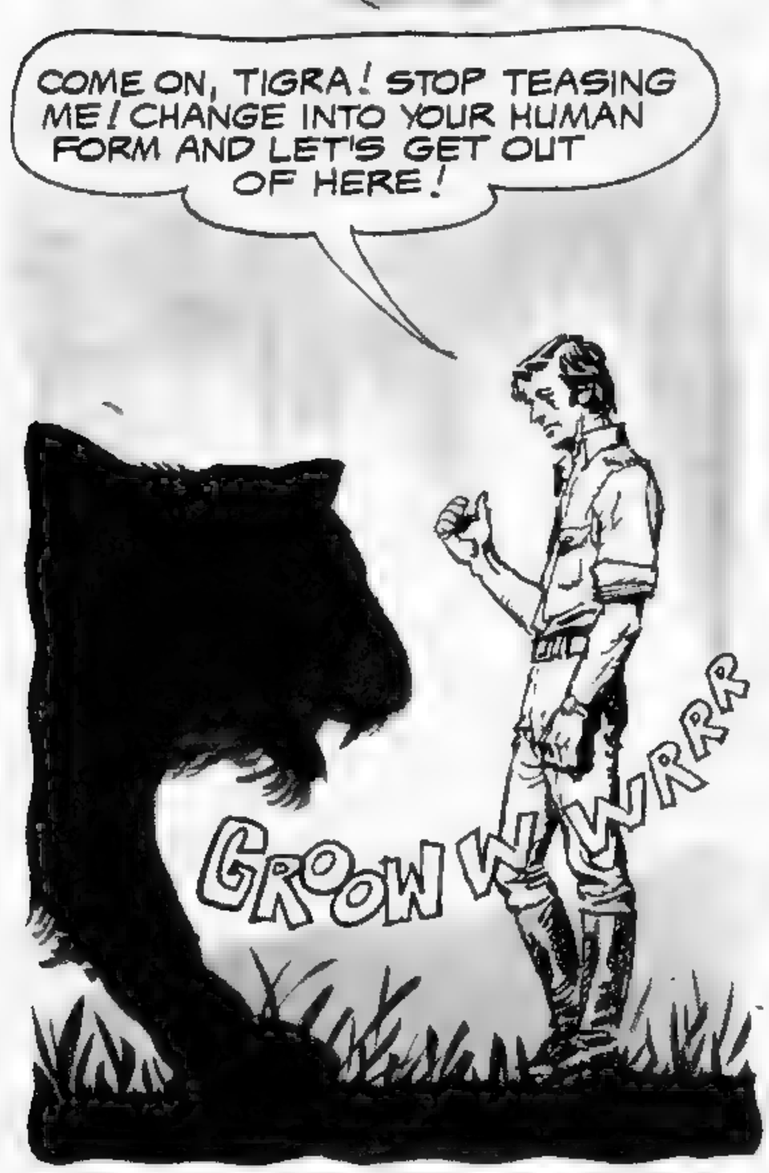
BUT WITHIN THE NEXT FEW WEEKS, MORE VICTIMS FALL BENEATH THE DEADLY CLAWS OF THE JUNGLE MURDERESS!


THE POLICE ARE BOUND TO CATCH YOU EVENTUALLY, TIGRA! THE ONLY THING TO DO IS TO TAKE YOU BACK TO THE JUNGLE!
THAT SOUNDS FINE, KEN! AND IF YOU BUILD A HOUSE NEAR THE JUNGLE, I CAN ALWAYS COME BACK TO YOU IN HUMAN FORM!

NEXT DAY, ON THE FLIGHT TO CALCUTTA...
KEN, I FEEL THE URGE COMING OVER ME!
RESTRAIN YOURSELF! AS SOON AS WE LAND, I'LL RENT A CAR AND DRIVE STRAIGHT TO THE JUNGLE... AND YOU'LL HAVE ALL THE PREY YOU WANT!

FINALLY, ON THE JUNGLE ROAD...
WAIT, TIGRA... WE DIDN'T ARRANGE WHERE TO MEET AFTERWARDS! GREAT SCOTT, I'D BETTER FOLLOW HER TO MAKE SURE WE DON'T LOSE EACH OTHER!

AFTER A FRANTIC SEARCH...
AH, SO THERE YOU ARE, TIGRA! YOU LOOK AS IF YOU'VE HAD YOUR FILL!
GROOWWRRR


COME ON, TIGRA! STOP TEASING ME! CHANGE INTO YOUR HUMAN FORM AND LET'S GET OUT OF HERE!
GROOWWRRR

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TERRIBLY MAULED, THE DYING JORGENS SEES A SECOND TIGER BOUND INTO VIEW AND FRIGHTEN THE FIRST KILLER AWAY...
FUNNY... THAT I SHOULD DIE... BENEATH TIGER CLAWS-- AND HERE COMES ANOTHER ONE... TO FINISH ME OFF...

BUT A SARDONIC FATE HAS A FINAL BIT OF IRONY FOR KEN JORGENS' LAST MOMENTS... AS THE SECOND TIGER SUDDENLY CHANGES INTO A FAMILIAR FIGURE!
KEN! OH, MY DARLING!
TIGRA! GUESS I FORGOT... THERE COULD BE OTHER TIGERS... IN THE JUNGLE!
The End

MONSTER TOWN

LOOK! LUNA HAS SEIZED TWO FROM THE OUTSIDE WORLD!

UGH! SUCH DEFORMED BEINGS!

STEP ASIDE! DR. BONO MAY SAVE THEM IF HE OPERATES!

T-THIS IS FANTASTIC! A VILLAGE OF CREATURES WHERE *WE* ARE THE ONES WHO ARE LOOKED UPON... AS FREAKS!

THE HIDEOUS CREATURES LIVED IN A WORLD OF THEIR OWN... CAN YOU IMAGINE WHAT HAPPENS WHEN TWO MEMBERS FROM OUR OWN SOCIETY FALL VICTIM TO THESE MONSTER...

IN THE DEEP SOUTH DOCTOR JOHN AMES AND HIS WIFE DRIVE ALONG A STRANGE BACK ROAD!

JOHN, YOU'VE BEEN DRIVING ALONG THIS BACK ROAD FOR HOURS! PLEASE... LET'S RETURN TO THE HIGHWAY...

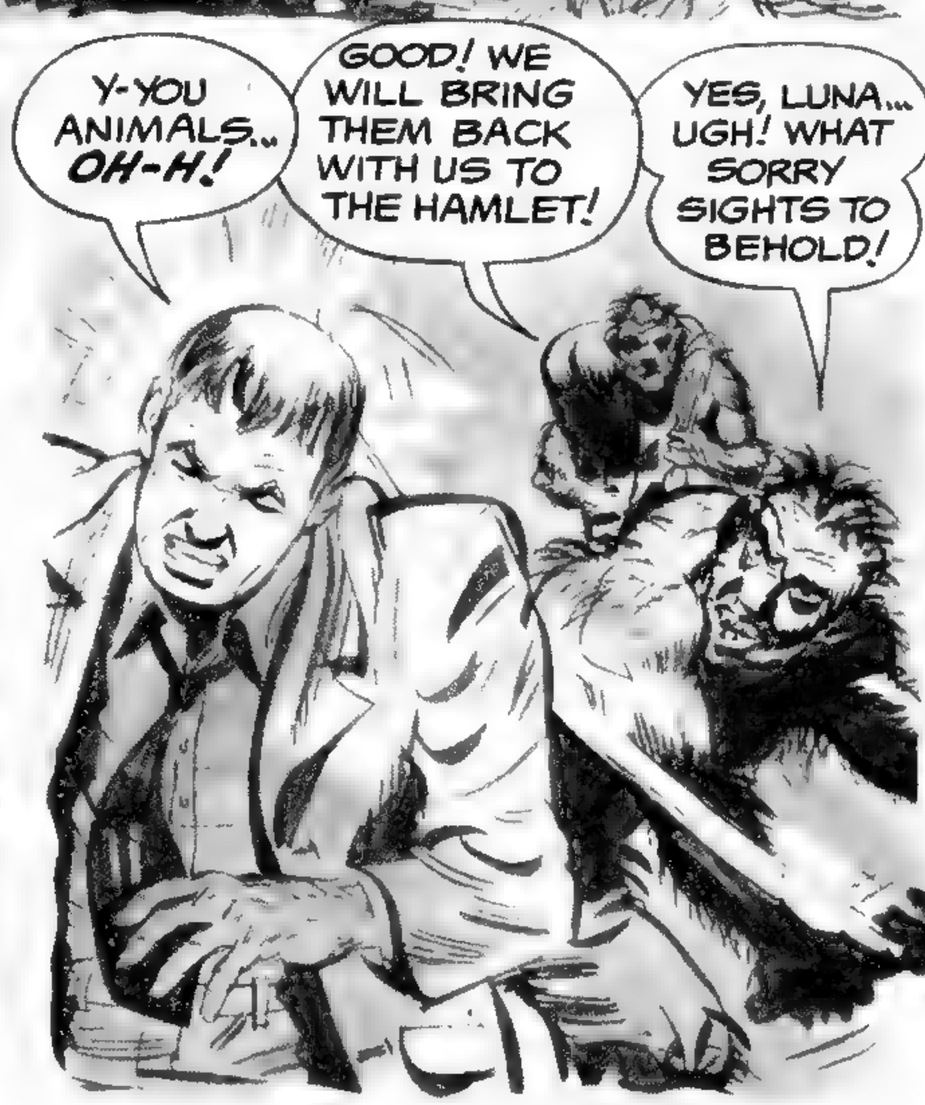
NONESENSE, DARLING! THIS IS THE THRILL OF TOURING... SEEING THE BACK COUNTRY!

SUDDENLY...

BUT, IT'S SO EERIE HERE AND... *JOHN! WHAT'S HAPPENED?*

T-THE BRAKES! I-I CAN'T STOP THE CAR!

THE WATER CLOSES IN UPON THE WOMAN WHO PREFERS DEATH TO THE TERROR BEFORE HER! ABRUPTLY HANDS CLUTCH AT HER HAIR AND...



HOURS LATER, THE REACH THEIR EERIE DESTINATION!

LUNA! WHAT HAVE YOU THERE... MORE OF THE UGLY ONES FROM OUTSIDE?

YES! THESE TWO ARE THE MOST HORRIBLE WE HAVE YET BROUGHT BACK! STEP ASIDE... DR. BONO MUST SEE THEM AT ONCE!

SHORTLY, IN THE DOCTOR'S LABORATORY...

DR. BONO! WE HAVE BROUGHT YOU TWO MORE... BUT I FEAR THESE ARE BEYOND OUR HELP!

AH, LUNA... YOU MUST NOT GIVE UP I WILL EXAMINE THEM IN A MOMENT!

NOW WHERE ARE THEY...O-OH! YOU DID NOT EXAGGERATE! THEY ARE INDEED HIDEOUS, LUNA!

NO! NO! I-I CAN'T LOOK!

GASP!

YES, THEY ***ARE*** PARTICULARLY UGLY! LUNA! WE MUST ACT QUICKLY IF WE ARE TO SAVE THEM!

YES!

TOMORROW I WILL OPERATE, NOW TAKE THEM TO THE CONFINEMENT BUILDING! I-I CAN'T BEAR THE SIGHT OF THEM!

O-OPERATE! JOHN... AM I GOING MAD?

STEADY, DORIS...

IN THE DAMP CELL DOCTOR JOHN AMES AND HIS WIFE ATTEMPT TO ANALYZE THEIR FANTASTIC EXPERIENCE!

I-IT MUST BE A DREAM! THIS COULDN'T HAPPEN TO US, JOHN!

I'M AFRAID THIS IS NO NIGHTMARE, DORIS! WE'VE STUMBLED UPON A CIVILIZATION IN REVERSE! THESE UNFORTUNATE CREATURES CONSIDER PHYSICAL BEAUTY UGLY!

I-I SEE! THEN... IN THEIR EYES WE ARE THE FREAKS!

EXACTLY! AND JUST AS OUR PLASTIC SURGEONS FIX DISTORTED CREATURES THESE CREATURES INTEND TO MAKE ***US LOOK LIKE THEM!***

JOHN! YOU MEAN THEY'RE GOING TO *OPERATE* ON US AND... *OH, NO!*

WE'LL JUST HAVE TO WAIT AND SEE, DORIS!

TERROR STRICKEN, THE HELPLESS PAIR WAIT THROUGH THE LONG NIGHT! THEN...

HURRY! DR. BONO IS AWAITING THE FEMALE IN THE OPERATING ROOM!

HEHEHEHE... INDEED!

JOHN! DON'T LET THEM OPERATE ON ME.

LEAVE HER ALONE! YOU CAN'T DO THIS... UGHHH!

SILENCE, FOOL! WE ONLY SEEK TO HELP YOU BOTH! YOU WILL THANK US WHEN IT IS OVER!

NO! NO!

PLEASE DON'T DO THIS THING! GIVE YOURSELVES UP TO THE OUTSIDE WORLD, THEY WILL HELP YOU!

SURRENDER TO A CIVILIZATION OF *FREAKS!* NONSENSE! WE KNOW WHAT THEY DO TO *NORMAL* ONES SUCH AS WE ARE!

YOU CAGE US LIKE ANIMALS IN YOUR ASYLUMS!

T-THIS IS FANTASTIC! DORIS IS RIGHT! THIS MUST BE A DREAM... A NIGHT-MARE!

AS THE DAYS SLIP INTO WEEKS JOHN AMES' LIFE BECOMES A LIVING HELL!

WHAT HAVE THEY DONE TO HER?

POOR DORIS! ;SOB;... WHY DID THIS HAVE TO HAPPEN?

I'LL... NEVER SEE HER AGAIN! THEY'VE KILLED HER!

VISIONS OF HIS WIFE'S BEAUTY FILL JOHN'S THOUGHTS THROUGH THE LONG NIGHTS AND DAYS!

OH, DORIS... DORIS! WHAT WILL I EVER DO WITHOUT YOU! THOSE FIENDS... I'LL MAKE THEM PAY FOR THIS!

FINALLY, ON THE FIFTH WEEK THE CREAK OF A DOOR BRINGS AMES TO HIS FEET!

HEE, HEE, UGLY ONE... THE OPERATION IS OVER! BONO HAS SAVED YOUR MATE FROM THE FATE THAT AWAITED HER!

D-DORIS! C-CAN THAT BE **DORIS** UNDER THE HOOD?

SLOWLY, THE HOOD IS RAISED AND A CRY OF HORROR BREAKS FROM JOHN AMES' LIPS!

G-GREAT MERCY... THAT BRACELET... IT **IS** DORIS!

YES, JOHN! IT IS YOUR WIFE! I AM VERY HAPPY NOW!

HEE! HEE! AND SOON YOU TOO SHALL HAVE A BRAND NEW, BEAUTIFUL FACE, UGLY ONE!

T-THE FIENDS... THEY'VE STOLEN HER MIND AS WELL AS HER FACE! W-WHAT CAN I DO? WHAT CAN I DO?

DO NOT GRIEVE... SOON YOU WILL JOIN HER AGAIN!

YES, DARLING... I SHALL BE WAITING FOR YOU! TOMORROW BONO SHALL OPERATE ON YOU!

THAT NIGHT, A HEAVY RAIN FALLS INTO AMES' CELL... THE DOCTOR'S MIND REELS UNDER THE IMPACT OF THE HORROR HE HAS SEEN!

IT'S MADNESS... MADNESS! SOMEHOW, SOME WAY, I MUST DO SOMETHING! I MUST ESCAPE... GET DORIS TO A DOCTOR! HMMM, I WONDER...

DOCTOR AMES STOOPS TO HIS KNEES... HIS HANDS DIG DEEP INTO THE SOFT CLAY THE RAIN HAS MADE!

YES, YES... WITH THIS CLAY AND THE STRAW THATCHWORK FROM THE ROOF I MAY BE ABLE TO DO IT! I-I **MUST!**

AN HOUR LATER, THE GROTESQUE JAILER IS STUNNED AS...

WHAT ARE YOU SHOUTING FOR, UGLY ONE... YIIII! YOU ARE NO LONGER UGLY! YOU ARE... **HANDSOME!**

YES, YES, YOU FOOL! A MIRACLE HAS HAPPENED! NOW I'M ONE OF YOU... LET ME OUT! LET ME BE WITH MY WIFE AS YOU PROMISED!

THEN, AS THE STARTLED JAILED OPENS THE CELL DOOR...

THERE, YOU DOG! I'M FREE OF YOUR ACCURSED CELL!

JOHN... YOUR FACE! HOW WONDERFUL THAT YOU'RE NORMAL NOW WITHOUT THE OPERATION ... B-BUT WHY DID YOU HIT THE JAILER? HE'S OUR *FRIEND!*

DORIS, THEY'VE DONE SOMETHING TO YOUR BRAIN! YOU'RE COMING WITH ME!

INTO THE POURING RAIN JOHN AMES CARRIES HIS STRUGGLING WIFE!

EEEEK! YOU'RE STILL... ***UGLY!*** IT WAS ALL A DISGUISE!

YES, DARLING... OF CLAY AND STRAW! PLEASE... PLEASE BELIEVE IN ME! I'M TRYING TO SAVE US BOTH! W-WE'VE GOT TO GET BACK TO... TO CIVILIZATION!

MILE AFTER MILE DOCTOR AMES WANDERS THROUGH THE GRIM COUNTRYSIDE! FINALLY, COMPLETELY EXHAUSTED, HE LOSES HIS FOOTING AND...

DORIS! DORIS! COME BACK... WE'VE GOT TO FIND OUR WAY OUT... PLEASE, PLEASE COME BACK!

...THE RAIN CEASES! THEN, ON THE OUTSKIRTS OF A VILLAGE...

WE FOUND HIM ON THE HIGHWAY, SERGEANT... HE'S RAVING ABOUT BEING ATTACKED BY MONSTERS!

I-IT'S THE TRUTH! THEY'VE GOT MY WIFE...

JUST TAKE IT EASY, FELLA! WE'LL HELP YOU... NOW TELL US ALL ABOUT IT!

WHEN JOHN AMES HAS LED THE POLICE TO THE SCENE OF HIS ACCIDENT...

HMM! EVIDENTLY HIS WIFE WAS WASHED DOWN STREAM AFTER THE CRASH!

NO! NO! MONSTERS GRABBED US BOTH! WE COULD HAVE SEEN THEIR FOOTPRINTS... THERE... BUT THE RAIN WASHED THEM AWAY!

POOR DEVIL... THE TRADEGY HAS DRIVEN HIM MAD AS A HATTER!

SO IT IS, THAT THE DOORS OF THE MADHOUSE OPEN UP TO DOCTOR JOHN AMES!

THEY CALL ME MAD... PERHAPS THEY ARE RIGHT! SUCH TERRIBLE VISIONS SEEM FANTASTIC! I-I MUST HAVE IMAGINED IT ALL! YES... POOR, DEAR DORIS WAS DROWNED... JUST LIKE THEY SAY!

AMES SEEMS TO BE IMPROVING! HE'S A FINE GENTLEMAN... I CERTAINLY HOPE HE PULLS HIMSELF TOGETHER!

AND IN THE MONTHS TO FOLLOW JOHN AMES DOES PULL HIMSELF TOGETHER SOON THE AUTHORITIES DECIDE HE CAN BE RELEASED!

WE FEEL YOU'VE WON THE BATTLE, DR. AMES! TRY TO KEEP DARK THOUGHTS FROM YOUR MIND AND TAKE YOUR PLACE IN THE OUTSIDE WORLD!

THANK YOU, THANK YOU! YOU'VE ALL BEEN WONDERFUL TO ME! GOODBYE!

BUT AS THE DAYS PASS, DR. AMES CANNOT KEEP THE VISION OF HIS LOVELY WIFE FROM HIS MIND!
NO! NO! MAD THEY MIGHT CALL ME BUT I CAN'T BELIEVE IT WAS ALL A NIGHTMARE! I'VE GOT TO KEEP SEARCHING FOR DORIS! SOMEWHERE OUT IN THAT DREADED COUNTRYSIDE SHE MAY BE WAITING!
NIGHT AND DAY, THE HALF CRAZED DOCTOR ROAMS THE WOODS! THEN...
D-DORIS! DORIS! I'VE FOUND HER! S-SHE'S NORMAL ... SHE'S HERSELF!
J-JOHN...
OH, DARLING...IT WAS TERRIBLE! THEY TRICKED YOU! ONE OF THOSE TERRIBLE CREATURES PRETENDED TO BE ME! THEY...STOLE MY BRACELET SO YOU'D BELIEVE IT!
THE FIENDS! THEIR TWISTED BRAINS WANTED VENGEANCE AGAINST US BECAUSE OF OUR NORMAL LOOKS! THEY SOUGHT TO DRIVE US MAD WITH THAT TRICK!
I MANAGED TO ESCAPE WHEN THEY OPENED MY CELL TO FEED ME! I PLACED A LOCK OF MY HAIR IN THE CATCH...OH, JOHN, TAKE ME AWAY FROM THIS TERRIBLE PLACE!
THE POLICE WILL TAKE CARE OF THEM ALL!
SHORTLY, AS AMES AND HIS WIFE PLEAD WITH THE POLICE...
NOW, DOCTOR AMES, YOU'VE BEEN A SICK MAN! I DON'T KNOW WHO THIS WOMAN IS BUT YOU KNOW YOUR WIFE DROWNED IN AN AUTO ACCIDENT!
GOOD GRIEF! I TELL YOU THIS IS MY WIFE AND THERE ARE MONSTROUS DEVILS OUT THERE IN THE WOODS! YOU MUST BELIEVE US!
YOU KNOW IN YOUR DESCRIPTION OF YOUR WIFE YOU DEFINITELY TOLD US SHE ALWAYS WORE A VALUABLE SILVER BRACELET! THIS WOMAN HAS NONE!
BUT...
WAIT, DEAR... IF WE PERSIST THEY MAY PUT ME BACK IN THE MENTAL INSTITUTION WE'D... BETTER GO!
WE'LL JUST FORGET IT EVER HAPPENED, DARLING! AND WE'LL DRIVE BACK HOME!
YES, JOHN... AND THIS TIME WE WON'T TAKE ANY BACK ROADS, WILL WE!
MAD AS MARCH HARES... BOTH OF THEM!
The End